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MR. WILSON APPEARS BEFORE CONGRESS TO ASK A DECLARATION

Addresses Both Houses on Situation Between United States and Germany Brought About by Latter Country's Unrestricted Submarine Warfare

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson will address a joint session of Congress at 8 o'clock this evening (5 p.m. Victoria time).

Congress assembled at noon to-day for a session generally agreed to be the most momentous in the history of the republic.

President Wilson, it is believed, will ask a declaration that a state of war already exists between the United States and Germany.

A resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was prepared for submission to the House by Rep. Flood, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. It would authorize the President to carry on war against Germany.

Congress assembled with a majority openly in favor of a declaration of a state of war, if not actually a declaration of war.

Beset on one side with large delegations of pacifists praying for peace, and besieged on the other by large numbers of "patriotic pilgrims" who demand the country's entrance into the war, Congress waited to hear the President outline the history of German aggressions against American lives and rights and the predatory violence of her submarines.

Administration officials consider Germany has been making war on the United States for some time. A large majority in Congress takes the same view. The minority is divided between those who think a state of armed neutrality is sufficient for the present, and the very few who openly favor peace at any price.

The capital was arrayed in a war spirit as Congress assembled. The pacifist delegations, wearing white bands on their sleeves or white streamers across their breasts, paraded the sidewalks in numbers, filled the House and Senate galleries and made calls on their Congressmen. They moved about without demonstration and there were few evidences of hostilities against them.

Many Flags.

The "patriotic pilgrims" were hard to distinguish among the thousands of citizens who went about the day's work wearing American flags. The national colors fluttered and rippled from buildings, automobiles and almost every point of vantage. The street car companies placed them on their cars; every traffic policeman's "go" sign had a flag fluttering from its peak. The capital was a wave of color.

Chairman Simmons, of the Senate Finance Committee, conferred with Secretary McAdoo on the amount of money needed immediately by the Government. It was agreed not to go into details until after Congress takes action defining the attitude of the United States and them Secretaries McAdoo, Baker and Daniels will discuss the question again with Senator Simmons and also with the House leaders.

Senator Simmons said he thought the credit to be granted to the President by Congress should be a large one. The amount fixed, he added, would not mean that all of it was to be used or that much more might not be asked for later.

Senator Simmons said there was no longer doubt that war with Germany would be declared to exist, although the form of the resolution had not been determined upon.

Delegations of pacifists held "war protest" meetings in their respective senators' offices during the forenoon. One such delegation was rebuked by Senator Wadsworth when one of several speakers said the United States had been a "false friend" to Germany.

"That's calling my country a pretty harsh name; I do not care to hear any more of it," said Senator Wadsworth in terminating the interview.

David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of Leland Stanford University, and one of the leading pacifists, made an effort to see President Wilson this forenoon, but the President was busy.

Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was re-elected Speaker of the House of Representatives to-day by a vote of 217 to 205.

The feeling in the United States on peace at this time is shown in correspondence which City Engineer Rust has received as a member of the American Waterworks Association.

That body has been asked by the League to Enforce Peace, an organization whose activities have received considerable attention recently, to have a speaker at the annual session in Virginia of the Waterworks Association shortly. President Leonard Metcalf, head of this engineering organization, has secured opinions on the subject from the leading members of the society, practically all of whom are adverse to hearing any delegate, believing that the sentiment of the American people is against peace discussion at this time.

Ex-President W. H. Taft had been suggested as a representative man to be invited to the convention to speak on this subject.

SENATOR KNOCKED A PACIFIST DOWN

Lodge, Massachusetts, Gave Forceful Reply; Pacifist Pummelled by Another

Washington, April 2.—A personal encounter between Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Alexander Bannwart, of Dorchester, Mass., in which the Senator knocked his opponent down, occurred to-day in the corridor of the Capitol.

Bannwart, with the Rev. Paul Harris Drake, of Christ Church, Dorchester, and several other men and women of pacifist delegations, called Senator Lodge to the door of his committee room and asked him to vote against a declaration of war with Germany.

Senator Lodge replied that if President Wilson asked for such a declaration he certainly would support it.

"That is cowardice," retorted one of the group.

"National degeneracy is worse than cowardice," replied the Massachusetts Senator.

"You are a coward," said Bannwart.

"You are a liar," retorted Senator Lodge.

Banwart advanced and struck the Senator, when then, despite his sixty-odd years, launched a blow that sent Bannwart sprawling on the hard tiles of the corridor.

Bannwart and several of his friends were taken in charge of the Capitol police.

Bannwart told the police he was not the aggressor and contended that Senator Lodge had struck the first blow. In other respects his story did not differ greatly from that told by employees in the Senator's office.

After Senator Lodge had finished with the pacifist, David B. Sherman, of this city, stepped in and, according to spectators, pummelled Bannwart, cutting several gashes in his forehead and spreading blood over his face. Bannwart was taken to a police station with directions that a charge of assault on Senator Lodge be preferred against him. The others in the group with him were allowed to go.

Senator Lodge appeared on the floor when the Senate met and apparently was no worse for his encounter. Scores of Senators went over to the Massachusetts Senator's desk and shook hands with him.

ITALIAN MINISTERS TALK WITH CADORNA ABOUT PREPARATIONS

Rome, April 2.—All the Cabinet Ministers and the War Council met to-day with General Cadorna, who made an extensive report about the military situation and the perfect condition and efficiency of the army, both for defence and offence, the troops being in excellent spirits and anxious to come to a definite encounter with the Teutons.

Experts consider that the supreme command of the army has accomplished one of the greatest achievements of military organization, the troops remaining during the severest winter in years at attitudes varying from 5,000 to 11,000 feet, and maintaining their morale and being able to resist, without relief, twenty-four hours.

AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST LOOKING INTO FUTURE

Amsterdam, April 2.—Dr. Victor Adler, leader of the Austrian Socialist-Democrats, says in the Vienna Press:

"The Russian revolution has created a new situation in Europe. For Austria a new era has begun, and the part of wisdom will be to prepare for it."

Team Winning for Allies On the Somme-Aisne Front

GEN. NIVELLE

FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG

TURKS LOST 8,000 IN GAZA BATTLE, BONAR LAW TELLS COMMONS; TURKISH FORCES NORTH OF BAGDAD RETREAT

London, April 2.—Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, a member of the War Council and Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated to-day in the House of Commons that the total casualties suffered by the Turks in the Battle of Gaza, in Palestine, were 8,000. The total number of British killed, he added, was fewer than 400.

London, April 2.—Efforts by Turkish troops to envelope a British force near Deltawah, 35 miles north of Bagdad, failed, says an official report issued here. The Turks in that region now are in full retreat.

NO IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES NEED BE ANTICIPATED ON NORTHERN RUSSIAN FRONT SOON, DECLARES M. GUCHKOFF

Petrograd, April 2.—"No serious activity may be expected on this front in the near future. The melting snow, which renders the roads and rivers impassable, precludes any big operation."

This declaration by the Russian War Minister, Alexander Guchkoff, at Staff Headquarters after a visit to the northern front, appears to dissipate the alarm created by the startling warning of the War Minister a week ago that the capital itself was menaced by a threatened German attack. It was argued at the time of the Minister's warning that the mobilization of the enemy forces along the northern front had been seized upon as a pretext by the new Government to arouse the army and workingmen and stem the tide of disorganization.

Whether the danger was exaggerated, the effect of the warning has been to arouse a sentiment of patriotism among the soldiers and workmen never before witnessed in Russia. On the other hand, the War Office evidently at that time was convinced of the imminence of danger, as shown by a statement to the Associated Press that "the Germans plan to attempt an immediate march on Petrograd."

Whatever prompted the warning, the situation is completely changed from a week ago, when alarm in the capital was quite general.

To-day, after an inspection of the troops and learning at first hand their actual attitude toward the Government and toward a continuation of the war, the War Minister said:

"I consider it harmful to sound the alarm that the enemy is approaching, that the country is menaced by him, and that it is necessary to leave everything and arms one's self. I consider it harmful, because there are no facts upon which to base such alarm. At the same time the moment has come when we must work for our defence. I repeat, there is every prospect that the Germans will begin activity along our front."

No Pessimism.

The Minister said that what he had seen on the front "gives no basis for pessimism," that the mood of the troops is good and that everybody believes in victory. The troops only insist upon intensive work in the preparation and transportation of munitions.

As an evidence of the responsiveness of the workmen to the appeals of the Government, 800 munitions workmen recently adopted a resolution that "any demand at present for increased pay or shorter hours would be unfair to our comrades at the front."

An indication of the spirit of the troops is seen in endless parades with banners, the tenor of which is "War Until Final Victory." Another unprecedented event was the request of the Volynski Regiment, which by its revolt precipitated the revolution, to be sent to the front, made to the Duma several days ago.

ITALIANS PREPARED NOW FOR ANY SHOCK

In Much Better Condition for Defence Than a Year Ago

Italian Headquarters, April 2.—A visit to the long mountain ridge lying between the two principal ways of access available to the Austrians in the event of a fresh effort on their part in the Trentino this year reveals much. One end of the ridge juts out into the enemy country. In fact, the far end of the spur is held by the enemy. On this ridge is written the whole story of the past year's lessons and experience, and the secret of the reason why no one who visited the Italian Trentino front during the past two months has no doubt of the outcome of a concentrated Austro-German attack.

Last year the spur of this ridge was ordered to resist twenty-four hours. The infantry held it five days with cover only at the end of the spur, and it is still held. This year, with perfect organization and transport service, there is less work about it.

But there are other serious reasons why the enemy will not get the Venetian plains. Among them is the quality of the troops. Last year many of the first troops which had to resist the Austrian advance were militia, unused to mountain ridge fighting. After two years of continual triumph, the artillery and infantry have become veterans. No amount of bombardment can surprise such troops. This ridge is representative of all points of the Italian defence.

FURTHER OUTBURSTS IN GERMAN CAPITAL, HAGUE HAS LEARNED

Rotterdam, April 1.—According to information reaching The Hague from sources previously found accurate, further disturbances took place in Berlin in the course of the past week, presumably on Thursday or Friday.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES ARE APPROACHING ST. QUENTIN; GAINS MADE FARTHER NORTH

TRIED TO MAKE OUT RAIDS WERE ATTACKS

Germans Issued False Statement About Successful Operations by Canadians

OFFICERS SAY ANOTHER IMPORTANT MOVE NEAR

London, April 2.—(By "Windermere.")—Officers who returned from the front to-day waxed hilarious at the German communique which whined and claimed that "east of Neuville-St. Vaast, Canadian regiments attacked four times during the night and were repulsed with heavy losses every time."

Two of these officers, veterans in "cutting out" expeditions, one from British Columbia and the other from Winnipeg, were given special leave because of the success of the operations. What the Germans called attacks were what these officers regarded as minor raids, though in three cases out of four, the German second line dugouts were bombarded.

The Canadian casualties were considerably lighter than the enemy's, and their loss in prisoners could be counted on one hand, while nearly a score of Germans remained in their hands.

More Coming.

"The prologue of a little bit more of Canadian military history is being played. When the curtain will be run up," said a First Division officer, "I can not say, but the Germans evidently mean to fight hard. They have their trenches before the Canadians more strongly held, so prisoners declare, than at almost any other point on the western front.

"In these nocturnal raids, which happen more often than the German communiques report, the enemy is disclosing new gun positions every time and is getting nervous, too. One night a Canadian battalion pulled off a second raid an hour after the first and unsuccessful one, and caught his reserves coming up into the trenches. We do not always get prisoners, as the hinterland is too muddy, but we get lots of information."

A PEACE MEETING ENDED IN A RIOT

Police Reserves Had to Be Called at Baltimore Last Night

Baltimore, April 2.—Counter demonstrations organized against a mass meeting last night under the auspices of the American League Against Militarism, which was being addressed by Dr. David Starr Jordan, provoked disorder and fist fights which resulted in riot calls for the police.

In order to restore quiet, many persons were ejected from the hall and the meeting broke up just as Dr. Jordan reached an impassioned climax in his address.

The mass meeting assembled in the Academy of Music, while on the pavements outside gathered a crowd of similar proportions which voiced sentiments contrary to the purposes for which the meeting inside had been called.

Sentiment grew turbulent, until finally it was proposed to invade the hall. National Guardsmen took the lead and marched into the theatre waving an American flag, while behind them trailed a crowd which filled every aisle and caused cries of alarm.

Several fist fights started. Dr. Jordan found it almost impossible to make himself heard, but continued his address.

A riot call was turned in and soon police reserves from every section of the city began to arrive.

The lights were dimmed and the officers began to remove the disturbers, whereupon the meeting broke up.

BENNETT GIVES 15,000 NAMES TO RECRUITING OFFICERS AT TORONTO

Toronto, April 2.—In connection with the defence forces, the recruiting authorities of Military District No. 2 have been supplied with the names of 15,000 men by the Director-General of National Service, as suitable for military service.

Blows to Hurl Germans From New Line Succeeding; Atilly, Villecholes, Savy, Savy Wood, Croisilles, Longatte, Doignies, Vendelles, Epehy, Peiziere, Vauxaillon and Other Points Taken

British Headquarters in France, April 2.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—British forces to-day widened the wedge they had inserted in the German line in the region of St. Quentin and captured the villages of Atilly and Vilecholes, respectively southeast and northeast of the village of Vermand.

London, April 2.—British forces have captured Croisilles, north of Bapaume, after a desperate defence by the Germans, Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France reports. The town of Longatte, a short distance southeast of Croisilles, and the town of Doignies, east of Bapaume, also have been captured by British troops, who took some prisoners.

This movement is part of the advance toward Cambrai.

Paris, April 2.—French patrols advanced last night to the German positions before St. Quentin, which they found to be held in force. South of the Ailette River French troops drove the Germans beyond Vauxaillon. The War Office this afternoon gave out the following account of these operations:

"In the region of St. Quentin our patrols pushed forward northeast of Dallon and north of Castres (these towns are about three miles from St. Quentin) as far as the enemy lines, which they found to be held strongly.

"In the sector south of the Oise there was heavy firing between the advanced posts.

"South of the Ailette our troops drove the Germans beyond Vauxaillon.

"The number of prisoners taken yesterday reached 120. We captured five machine guns.

"In the Champagne, several German counter-attacks against the position we had captured west of Maisons-de-Champagne were checked. We repulsed attacks on small posts east of Auberive and west of the Navarin Farm.

"In Alsace we made a successful surprise attack at Carspach Wood and took prisoners."

West of St. Quentin.

London, April 2.—Heavy fighting took place yesterday west of St. Quentin, resulting in the capture by British troops of the village of Savy. Later British troops attacked Savy Wood, about a mile from the village and only three miles from St. Quentin, and occupied that position. A report from British Headquarters in France last night which recorded these successes, announced also the capture by British troops of Vendelles, lying farther north, and Epehy and Peiziere, to the southeast of Heudicourt.

The text of the report follows:

"During the month of March we have taken in raids and local operations and in the course of the enemy's withdrawal in France 1,239 prisoners, including 16 officers, and have captured three field guns, 25 trench mortars and a quantity of other war materials.

"The total German prisoners captured in the first three months of this year number 79 officers and 4,600 men.

Savy Taken.

"We captured this morning the village of Savy, four miles west of St. Quentin, after considerable fighting, taking 61 prisoners and two machine guns. The enemy's casualties were heavy, both in killed and wounded. Seventy German dead were counted on the front of a single battalion.

"This afternoon Savy Wood, a mile to the northeast of the village, was successfully attacked and is now in our hands.

"We also captured the village of Vendelles last evening and this morning Epehy and Peiziere (southeast of Heudicourt) together with a few prisoners.

"We made further progress to the northwest of Croisilles.

"Parties of our troops entered enemy trenches in the night and morning north of Roeincourt, northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast and southwest of Givenchy (Arras sector). A few more prisoners were taken and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

"There was considerable air activity yesterday, with many flights. Two German aeroplanes were destroyed and three others were driven down. One of our machines is missing."

Important Progress.

Paris, April 2.—The War Office reported last night that in their operations south of Laon, the French troops had made important advances, capturing several German trench systems and reaching the outskirts of Vauxaillon and Laffaux.

The text of the statement follows:

"Between the Somme and the Oise intermittent artillery actions occurred and lively firing by the advanced posts. We dispersed enemy patrols and made some prisoners.

"South of the Ailette River, in the course of a spirited offensive action our troops occupied from the Ailette River as far as Laon road several trench systems and organized points of support east of Neuville-sur-Margival. The enemy, who made an energetic defence, was driven back with serious losses as far as the outskirts of Vauxaillon and Laffaux. One hundred and eight prisoners, including two officers, and four machine guns, remained in our hands.

In Champagne.

"In Champagne, both artilleries displayed great activity west of Maisons-de-Champagne. Our batteries took under their fire enemy contingents seen to be marching in that region.

"There was no event of importance on the rest of the front."

A Belgian communication said:

"On the entire Belgian front there has been sustained artillery fighting day and night, particularly in the region of Dixmude. Bomb and grenade fighting was resumed in the direction of Steenstraete."

Burning St. Quentin.

London, April 2.—Dispatches from British correspondents on the Somme front report that the Germans have destroyed a large part of St. Quentin by fire and explosives. They add that the Germans have looted all the treasures from private houses, museums and picture galleries.

It is believed, according to these advices, that the cathedral up to the present has not been damaged.

Moved Forward.

London, April 2.—British troops on the Somme front on Saturday continued to make progress notwithstanding stubborn resistance offered by the Germans, telegraphed Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters in France. Due east of Peronne, Field-Marshal Haig's forces advanced to a point four miles west of the Cambrai-St. Quentin road, and farther south they forced the Germans back to within four miles of the centre of St. Quentin. The dispatch said:

"Our progress in the past 24 hours was continued, with the enemy opposition weaker along the southern part of the front. Every advance on the northern part had to be made by hard fighting.

"Due east of Peronne British troops seized a hill which brought them within four miles of the Cambrai-St. Quentin road. Farther south the advance reached a point barely four miles from the centre of St. Quentin. In the triangle of greater resistance, between Croisilles, Vaulx - Vraucourt and Queant, two more enemy posts were captured after fierce fighting. One of these positions was protected by a bombing post in which every man was killed."

German Statement.

Berlin, April 2.—Battles started yesterday between the British and German forces south of Arras, on the road to Cambrai, and on both banks of the River Somme, west of St. Quentin, were further developed this morning, says an official statement issued today. The British forces, the announcement adds, suffered considerable losses and only gained ground where the German troops gave way under orders.

On both sides of the Oise-Aisne canal and on the highlands of Vregny, it is announced, French troops made some advances under heavy losses.

An Admission.

British troops after tenacious fighting, in which they suffered heavy losses, on Saturday pushed their lines into the German positions on the Somme for a depth of nearly two miles, said an official statement issued last night. The British advance was between the Peronne-Gouzeaucourt road and the lowlands of the Omignon stream, in which the towns of Jeancourt and Vermand are situated.

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A PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD BE WELCOMED

Central Powers Want One; Statement by Austrian Foreign Minister

Amsterdam, April 2.—A Vienna dispatch quotes Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, as having said in an interview with the Fremdenblatt that the Entente could conclude an honorable peace with the Central Powers at any time, and that the proposal of the Central Empires for a peace conference still held good.

"We are not going to be destroyed, but neither do we wish to destroy," Count Czernin is quoted as declaring. "Our fronts are stronger than ever. Our economic situation is secured. We must take our hats off to the millions in the trenches and to those at home on the battlefield of labor. The day will come when the peoples of the Dual Monarchy will receive the rewards of their heroism.

"After stating that the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference still held good, Count Czernin added:

"We occupy extensive territories of our enemies and they occupy extensive districts of ours. On the seas the blockade of our enemies is fighting against our submarine war. All international treaties are being torn up. It is impossible to settle some of these questions apart from the whole subject. If the peace conference should show that an agreement was impossible, the fight, which would not have been interrupted, would continue."

PACIFISTS AND ANTIS INVADE WASHINGTON

Thousands Pour Into American Capital From New York and Elsewhere

Washington, April 2.—Pacifist and anti-pacifist pilgrims besieged official Washington to-day in an eleventh-hour effort to influence Congress toward their respective views of the impending war with Germany. Street parading was denied both by police orders, but each had unorganized sidewalk processions to the Capitol, where Senators and Representatives were canvassed for their peace or war ideas.

Simultaneously thousands of telegrams from all parts of the country poured in upon the Capitol and the White House, either praying for peace or urging drastic action to uphold American rights and honor.

Flags floated from nearly every window in downtown Washington and from houses in the residential sections and all automobiles carried red, white and blue banners. Men and women wore flags on their coats and children carried them to school. The day was marked by a show of patriotic fervor seldom equalled in Washington.

Most of the pacifists came here from New York and other cities under the direction of the Emergency Peace Federation. They arranged a meeting this afternoon to act on resolutions and petitions and a mass meeting for to-night. The anti-pacifists, calling themselves "Pilgrims of Patriotism," came from a number of eastern cities, marshalled by a New York citizens' committee to neutralize the effect of the anti-war forces.

The delegations of pacifists assembled at the headquarters of the Emergency Peace Federation and were furnished with white arm bands bearing in large black letters the inscription: "Keep out of war."

They were supplied also with cards to admit them to the business and mass meetings and the city addresses of their Senators and Representatives. The delegates spent the morning calling upon their legislative representatives and urging them to take no action that would lead to hostilities. Attendance at the opening of Congress at noon was the focal point of both pacifists and anti-pacifists.

Louis P. Lochner was directing the activities of the pacifists.

"If we should fail to prevent war," he said, "we will continue to work for peace just as certain people in England have done all during this war in Europe."

Special Trains.

New York, April 2.—Several thousand militants and nearly 1,000 pacifists filled a number of special trains for Washington which left New York to-day beginning shortly after midnight.

Although the advocates of peace were outnumbered they got away first, eight hours in advance of the first train bearing those who style themselves "Patriotic Pilgrims" and who favor war.

Each pacifist carried a white tulip and wore an arm band inscribed "Keep out of war."

Professor Ellery C. Stowell, of Columbia University, who led the war pilgrims, said he expected nearly 20,000 persons would go from New York on this errand.

"Why should patriots go to Washington now?" begins a statement issued by the committee in charge of the war pilgrims. The statement continues: "The hour has struck to put an end to the Prussian oligarchy and the House of Hohenzollern. There can be no peace or democracy in the world until those enemies of democracy bite the dust."

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RETIREMENT NOT YET AT ITS END

Enemy Will Fall Back on Southern Part of Somme-Aisne Front

Copenhagen, April 2.—Germany, according to information reaching here from Berlin, now is gathering to the colors every available man for a supreme military effort to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in this year's campaign—a goal which Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and his advisers consider by no means impossible of attainment.

Without altering formally the law of military service, the German authorities have in practice extended the period of service beyond the forty-fifth year and are retaining with the colors, and in many instances for fighting duty with active units in the front line, landsturm men who have passed that age.

The policy of the German War Department, as stated in the Reichstag last week by a military representative, is to withdraw those men over 45 from the front line after they have done six months of duty there, but military exigencies compel the holding of these over-age men for service in the so-called etape, or region behind the actual fighting front.

For some time the German authorities, in a grand combing out of men earlier pronounced unfit for service, have been mustering men on the very verge of the age limit, but up to the present they have announced that the necessity has not arisen for legislation raising the age limit to 65, as has been done in Austria-Hungary.

The operations of the labor service law, now in full swing are further releasing for service at the front every available man behind the lines capable of carrying a rifle, so that the next two or three months should see the German armies at their maximum size.

Industrial Plans.

Simultaneously with this draining to the dregs of the human reserves of soldier material, Germany's industrial mobilization also is approaching a climax. A scheme for converting every available factory and employing every available machine on war work and manning them with labor obtained under the labor service law is contemplated.

The secret of Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's plan for the 1917 campaign still is well kept. It is uncertain whether the offensive will be directed in the east or in the west, and the German strategic reserve, at last accounts still within Germany, has not begun to move in either direction.

The German main headquarters, according to reports received here, now is established at Kreuznach, on the Rhine, and the General Staff headquarters at Charleville and Mazieres, twin French town where Kaiser Wilhelm's military capital was located for almost two years until von Hindenburg's appointment to the chief command, being abandoned shortly before the retirement on the Somme-Aisne front.

This change in headquarters perhaps may throw somee light on von Hindenburg's plans, as the new choice, while centrally located as regards the whole western front, is better situated for control of operations along the southern sector of that front than was the former site.

To Avoid Heavy Blow.

On the surface there are indications that the purpose of the retirement on the Somme-Aisne front appears to be developing not as a scheme for bringing on a great open field engagement on that particular part of the front, but to avoid the impending onslaught by the mighty array of Anglo-French artillery massed on that section and to delay a renewal of an Anglo-French offensive by the time required to advance the big guns to the new line.

The Teuton commanders are said to be concerned no longer with the possibility of a great battle between Arras and the Aisne because of the destruction of the roads.

There is reason to believe that the retirement has by no means reached its limit, particularly in the southern sector. The map of the retirement now appearing in the German newspapers shows a big salient still existing west of Laon, which, if straightened out, would make the Hindenburg line run in almost a straght course from Arras through St. Quentin and Laon to a point on the Aisne near Berry-au-Bac.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, April 2.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Lance.-Cpl. C. O. Abrahamson, Revelstoke, B. C.

Previously reported missing; now killed in action—Pte. A. I. Shuttleworth, Aspen Grove, B. C.

Died—Pte. I. George (180,231), 1734 Bay Street, Victoria, B. C.

Wounded—Pte. H. F. Ford, New Westminster; Pte. N. E. Lougheed, Kerrisdale, B. C.; Pte. C. S. Forrest, Ruby Creek, B. C.; Pte. James Schubert, Vernon, B. C.; Pte. J. H. Widen, Golden, B. C.

Reported missing—Lieut. R. P. Baker, Vancouver.

Previously reported missing; now not missing—Pte. David Briggs, Vancouver.

Wounded—Pte. A. Scott, New Westminster; Pte. F. O. Claise, Vancouver; Pte. W. Green, Collingwood; Pte. V. G. Sinclair, New Westminster; Pte. J. A. Reid, Vancouver.

Reported wounded; remaining on duty—Cpl. R. Lacroix, Prince George, B. C.

Engineers.

Killed in action—Sapper W. C. Butcher, Vancouver.

ACTIVITIES ALONG MACEDONIAN FRONT

Paris, April 2.—The War Office reported as follows last night regarding the Macedonian front:

"The aviation groups have been very active on the eastern front. The enemy bombarded our positions on the Vardar and fired about 50 shells on Monastir. Our heavy artillery vigorously replied against the enemy batteries and caused an explosion in the enemy section on the Cerna."

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TONNAGE SENT DOWN SINCE WAR BEGAN

Ottawa, April 2.—Alex. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, when asked to make a statement relative to the present shipping situation as affected by the German submarine menace, said:

"The total number of merchant vessels destroyed since the declaration of war up to the end of February was 2,573, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 4,829,100. Of this total tonnage, 2,821,849 tons represent British shipping, while the total Entente losses represent 3,492,722 tons. The losses of neutral shipping are placed at 1,042,770 tons, while the losses of Germany, Turkey and Austria-Hungary represent 293,608 tons.

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THOUGHT TARGETS WERE CAPTURED SUBMARINES

New York, April 2.—The mystery of eighteen submarines reported captured by an American warship in an anonymous cable message from Panama, said to have been seen by passengers on the steamship Advance off Watling Island, was cleared to-day by the Rev. Mr. Thomas H. Candor, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, a passenger on the steamship Carillo from Panama. The clergyman said the reported U-boats were merely a procession of harmless naval targets in tow of seven warships, each warship having lines attached to two or three targets. The Carillo, bound for New York, passed the "captured submarines" off San Salvador about the time that the Advance, steaming southward, did likewise

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INCREASED FREIGHT RATES UNDISTURBED

Ottawa, April 2.—The Board of Railway Commissioners in a judgment just handed down announces that it declines to interfere with the increases in lake and rail rates from stations in Eastern Canada to Fort William and other ports on the Great Lakes. The matter of the increase was brought to the attention of the Board by the Montreal Board of Trade and the railways were called to justify the proposed increases at sittings of the board held here on March 29.

PENFIELD COMING BACK TO WASHINGTON

Ambassador Returning From Austria to Consult With President Wilson

Vienna, April 1.—Via London, April 2.—The American Ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield, confirmed to-day the impression here that he expects to return to Vienna as quickly as possible from his forthcoming visit to Washington. He said he might be gone for three months. His residence here will be kept open.

The Ambassador and Mrs. Penfield will depart on Wednesday or Thursday.

The news of Mr. Penfield's impending departure made a great stir here, but the first impression was offset by a statement from the Ambassador to the press that his trip to Washington was to be made on account of President Wilson's wish to consult him in regard to the general situation in Europe. The State Department's message to Mr. Penfield says that during his absence Joseph C. Grew, counsel of the Embassy, will be in charge. Mr. Grew is well acquainted with the situation in Vienna, where he has many friends in diplomatic circles.

At the Foreign Office it was learned that no significance was attached to Mr. Penfield's visit to Washington other than that given by the Ambassador himself. Mr. Penfield has not been in the best of health recently, as he is suffering from the strain of the work incident to representing most of the Entente powers here.

FORMER EMPEROR COMPLETELY ISOLATED

Russian Government Removes Retinue to St. Peter and St. Paul Fortress

Petrograd, April 2.—Orders have been issued by the Provisional Government for the transfer to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul of all personages now with the deposed Emperor at Tsarskoe Selo. Thus the ex-Emperor and ex-Empress will be completely isolated.

The recent arrest of the Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna, a cousin of the former Emperor and divorced wife of Prince William of Sweden, and a group of personages in the entourage of Grand Duke Boris, has led, according to the police, to the discovery of a plot in which the Grand Duchess and two Grand Dukes were involved for the proclaiming of Grand Duke Nicholas as Emperor of Russia, Grand Duke Nicholas now being in the Crimea.

Grand Duchess Olga, a sister of the former Emperor, who divorced the Duke of Oldenburg, has just married Capt. Koudikowski, of the Russian cavalry. The officers of the captain's regiment have asked him to resign owing to his alliance with the House of Romanoff.

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FOUND SENTIMENT FAVORING REPUBLIC

American Who Traveled Across Siberia Found Greatly Improved Conditions

Petrograd, April 2.—Charles H. Boynton, president of the American-Russian Chamber of Commerce, who arrived here to-day after a journey across Siberia, said that the revolution had been greeted with enthusiasm at every town through which he had passed.

Twenty returning exiles, chiefly Socialists, were on board the train and were welcomed by immense crowds.

"I was impressed," said Mr. Boynton, "by the extraordinary unanimity of sentiment in favor of a republic."

Mr. Boynton reported that travel conditions were excellent and food abundant. He said that he had been told that an improvement was noticeable immediately the new Government took control.

THE GENEROSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney, N. S. W., April 2.—It is officially announced that New South Wales has contributed £2,604,923 ($13,024,615) to various war funds, this being twenty-eight shillings per head of the population. This includes £1,064,959 ($5,324,795) for foreign relief, besides vast quantities of provisions, clothing and other supplies.

The state also contributed £35,250,000 ($177,600,000) to the Commonwealth war loans.

RECRUITING FOR NAVY OF STATES MORE BRISK

New York, April 2.—On the basis of reports from different parts of the country, Commander John Grady, in charge of the eastern recruiting division of the United States navy, estimated to-day that more than 1,500 men were enlisted in the service during the last week. He predicts that the whole country will do even better than 1,500 men a week in a short time.

DEATH PENALTY IS ABOLISHED IN RUSSIA

London, April 2.—The Russian Provisional Government has decided to abolish the death penalty, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Penal servitude for life or for a term of years will be substituted for the death penalty in cases where such a penalty is prescribed by the penal code or by military law.

NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS ARRIVING AT HEADQUARTERS IN THE CAPITAL

The above picture conveys an impression of the manner in which the National Service cards poured into headquarters in Ottawa. The truck-load photographed was one of many which brought the answers of the manhood of Canada to the offices of the Board which is dealing with them.

BAYONET ANSWER RUSSIA WILL GIVE

Vice-President of Russian Workmen's Council Denounces German Kaiser

London, April 2.—Kaiser Wilhelm and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg were bitterly denounced by Deputy Skabeloff, vice-president of the Council of Workmen, Soldiers and Delegates, during a demonstration in front of the Duma building, according to a Petrograd dispatch to Reuter's. Deputy Skabeloff, addressing the thousands of soldiers and civilians who took part in the demonstration, said:

"To the hypocritical greeting sent the Russian revolutionists by Wilhelm and Bethmann-Hollweg we can only reply with the bayonet. We can not shake hands with the German people until they have rid themselves of the cursed Hohenzollern and Bethmann."

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JUNKERS ANXIOUS TO APPEAR PROGRESSIVE

The Hague, April 2.—Energetic attempts apparently are being made to convince democratic opinion in Europe and America that Germany is undergoing a slow but sure democratizing process. The debate in the Prussian Diet on the desirability of electoral reform is thought here to be part of this programme.

The Prussian debate and the prominence given to certain parts by the official German news agency are held to be part of the campaign organized in neutral countries by German agents.

REBUILD RAILWAYS IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA

London, April 2.—The War Office announces that since the advent of the rainy season all extensive operations in German East Africa have stopped. Advantage has been taken of this to reconstruct the railways and communications damaged by the retreating Germans. The whole German territory north of the Central Railway has been transferred from a military to a provincial civil administration.

TO MEET GERMANY'S OUTLAY TILL JULY

London, April 2.—The emergency budget voted by the German Reichstag, Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs, authorizes the Imperial Chancellor to meet the current expenditures of the Empire for the months of April, May and June.

The Reichstag continued the debate on the Foreign Office budget on Friday.

BURIED A PARISHIONER AT FRONT IN FRANCE

Canadian Army Headquarters in France, April 1, via London, April 2.—(By the Canadian Overseas Correspondent).—The remarkable incident is reported of a Toronto rector, attached to the artillery, who was called upon to bury a man killed by a shell on Saturday who had only reached the front on Friday with a draft. He found the man had been one of his own parishioners, to whom he had only recently bidden good-bye on the other side of the Atlantic.

TWO AMERICAN NAVAL STATIONS SET ON FIRE

Lake Bluff, Ill., April 2.—Fire, possibly of incendiary origin, for a time menaced the Great Lakes naval training station here early yesterday. It was extinguished by a battalion of seamen ordered out to assist the sentries who had discovered the blaze. As a result of the incident double guards were posted about the reservation.

Baltimore, Md., April 2.—A bucket brigade extinguished a fire at the buildings of the coast guard station at Arundel Cove yesterday, which for a time threatened to assume serious proportions. Harry G. Stauffer, 45 years old, of this city, was detained after an alleged visit to the station.

PRESCRIBED LIQUOR; NOW MUST PAY FINES

London, Ont., April 2.—Four doctors charged with having violated the Ontario Temperance Act have been convicted by Mayor Stevenson and J. P. Macklin, acting magistrates, who have just delivered judgment. Dr. C. C. Ross, who wrote 718 prescriptions for liquor, was fined the maximum sum of $200; Dr. A. Maclaren, $100; Dr. D. C. McNeil, of Arava, $100, and Dr. F. R. Clegg, $75. The prescriptions sold for $1 apiece.

GERMAN GUARD WENT ON DUTCH TERRITORY

Amsterdam, April 2.—A party of German smugglers which Dutch officials had ordered to halt near the frontier, says the correspondent of the Telegraaf at Sittard, Holland, attacked the authorities, whereupon the latter fired their revolvers. A German guard on the frontier, witnessing the incident, the correspondent adds, came 60 yards into Dutch territory and pointed their rifles at the Dutch officials, who were obliged to depart and leave the smugglers in the hands of the Germans.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN THE KIRLIBABA PASS

Petrograd, April 2.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—After making repeated attacks Austrian forces on Saturday penetrated the Russian trenches near Kirlibaba, in the Southeastern Carpathians, said an official statement issued yesterday, but they were ejected by a counter-attack and the position was restored.

Near Odobechti, Southern Moldavia, a Teuton airship was destroyed by Russian aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns.

Children Had Eczema Doctors Failed to Cure

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Mrs. W. L. Barnes, Timmins, Ont., writes:—"I want to tell you about the case of my little boy, who had baby eczema when he was three months old. It started on the top of his head, on his forehead and around his ears. The doctors failed to do him any good, so I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment on the recommendation of a friend, and in a month's time the child was entirely free of this disagreeable skin disease. He is now four years old, and has never had any further trouble from ailments of this kind. I also have great faith in Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and believe that it cannot be beaten as a restorative for pale, nervous women."

Mrs. George McNair, River Charles, N. B., writes:—"We use Dr. Chase's Ointment in our home, and would not wish for anything better for cuts, burns and bruises. A few years ago a friend of mine, whose baby was terribly afflicted with eczema had her child treated by their own family physician, but the little one got no better. They tried several remedies, but they all proved useless in this case. Upon the advice of a neighbor they got Dr. Chase's Ointment, and before the first box was used the child was completely cured. I can also recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to suffering friends who I know will be glad to learn of something to relieve their nervous trouble. You have my permission to use this letter for the benefit of others."

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WINNIPEG DEPUTY MAY BE CHIEF AT VANCOUVER

Winnipeg, April 1.—According to reports received here, Chris H. Newton, Deputy Chief of Police here, has been tendered the position of Chief at Vancouver, the post that was rendered vacant by the murder of Chief McLennan. Deputy Chief Newton is now in the West. He is generally regarded as one of the most efficient police officers in Canada.

THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Washington, April 2.—A total of 4,474 men was recruited for the American navy during March, and the net gain for the month was 3,628 against 2,086 in February. The strength of the navy to-day is 62,667 men.

During the first three days' active recruiting after President Wilson's authorization to bring the navy up to the full war strength of 87,000 men, the daily number of accepted applicants was virtually trebled. On the first day following the call 282 men were accepted; on the second day, 259, and on the third, 301.

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NEARING ST. QUENTIN.

Press correspondents at the front report fires and explosions in St. Quentin and that the city has become the scene of that most congenial recreation of the Prussian soldier—looting. This indicates that in the opinion of the Hun command the Allies have drawn too near the chief centre of their present abode to be comfortable. With the capture of Savy village and wood the British have forced their way within three miles of the outskirts of the place. Farther north, by the capture of two villages southeast and northeast of Vermand, they have established themselves within four miles of the German line. A few miles south of Savy French patrols, advancing beyond Clastres, have got into contact with the enemy strongly entrenched three miles southwest of St. Quentin. Thus the British and French have this important position, as well as its communications, under their fire. The communications between St. Quentin and La Fere already have been cut.

The enemy's most tenacious resistance, however, is being offered on the two wings of the Anglo-French advance. That is to say, he is most concerned for his line between the Bapaume-Cambrai road and Arras and between La Fere and the Aisne. The reason for this is obvious. His retirement on the front which sweeps northwestward from a point eight miles east of Bapaume, to Beaurains, just south of Arras, would entail the abandonment of the positions between Arras and La Bassee, including Lens and the French coal-field district. But this is not all. It would force the enemy to the Cambrai Plain, which is unfavorably adapted to strong defence, besides extending the scope of the British advance. Notwithstanding his stout resistance, however, he is being driven back. The British have now taken Croisilles and Doignies in this sector and are not going to give him any rest. Likewise French pressure south and west of Laon continues, although there the Germans are offering a particularly strong resistance. This is to be expected, for if the line of La Fere-Laon-Aisne were forced not only would the German front north of it, that is, from Le Fere, St. Quentin and northward, be exposed to attack, but the line from Rheims eastward through the Champagne and Argonne as well would be uncovered.

It is becoming clear that either the Anglo-French advance has progressed more swiftly than the Germans bargained for or the Arras-St. Quentin-Laon-Aisne line is not the so-called "Hindenburg Line." As a matter of fact there is probably no such thing as the "Hindenburg Line." The German commander-in-chief is trying to manoeuvre his armies out of a difficult and dangerous position, the retention of which would have involved disaster, and he will keep them moving in the hope of reaching some line upon which a successful stand can be made. If such a point is reached it will be touted all over Germany as the "Hindenburg Line." The expression "Hindenburg Line" was invented by the German press for the purpose of deluding the German public with the idea that Hindenburg had prepared an enormously strong position somewhere from which he would strike a shattering blow for victory. The pretence is of a piece with the claims of a "huge" strategic reserve of millions of men, and other "colossal," "gigantic," "titanic" factors which are only awaiting a favorable moment to exhibit themselves. The truth is that the German army in the west is retreating because it is beaten; that there is no strategic reserve large enough to redress the balance. Nowhere between the Somme and the Rhine are there positions so perfectly developed for defence as the watershed the enemy has just abandoned.

THE SPECIAL SESSION.

If the amount of war talk in our neighbors' newspapers were a safe criterion we should predict that the special session of Congress which opened to-day is going to be a swashbuckling affair, with a declaration of war against Germany and a real, positive policy of intervention in the struggle. But experience has shown that the great majority of Uncle Sam's newspapers are always many leagues in advance of the White House. They invariably have reckoned without their host, and this particular host has certain temperamental characteristics which it is difficult to associate with any prospect of war.

It is fairly safe to predict that there will be no declaration of war and we shall be very much surprised if even the declaration that a state of war exists will be made without some qualification which will deprive it of much of its force. Moreover, it may be that there will be no announcement of positive policy against Germany such as certain American newspapers confidently anticipate. The Washington Government will interpret a declaration that a state of war exists in a strictly technical sense. It will be some distance removed from a declaration of war in the official mind.

But, however Washington may interpret a declaration that a state of war exists, Germany is not going to labor the point. She already is at war with the United States in a modified sense; that is, she is doing all she can to destroy American shipping and kill American citizens in European waters. She does not call this war; she describes it as merely self-defence; says that if the United States chooses to call it war, all right, and insolently wants to know what it is going to do about it? Unless the United States follows a declaration of a state of war with a positive policy against Germany the situation will remain practically what it was before Congress sat; indeed, the session will have been little more but a waste of time, money and effort.

MR. MEIGHEN TO PARTY FRIENDS.

Naturally, the Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, was anxious to present the strongest possible case for the Government of which he is a member in his address to his party associates in this city. But it was noticeable that while he stretched political license to the utmost, he carefully avoided the numerous matters about which the administration has been criticized. For instance, he kept clear of the Ross Rifle affair, the exploits of one John Wesley Allison, the scrapping of equipment, the failure of the Prime Minister to prosecute parties convicted of war graft, the extreme tenderness with which profiteers have been dealt with, the failure of the Government to establish national munition factories such as the government of every other belligerent state has done, including even little Montenegro, and as Lord Rhondda (then D. A. Thomas) asked it to do. Likewise Mr. Meighen left the nickel situation severely alone, while he abandoned Hon. "Bob" Rogers and Sir Sam Hughes entirely.

This, however, was to be expected. We think, though, that he should have enlightened his hearers more fully on the subject of Canada's enlistment. He ought to have explained why there are only four divisions at the front out of an enlistment which he claims to have been 422,500. He should have attempted to square the results so far with the pledge of Sir Robert Borden that Canada would send overseas an army of 500,000 men. Canada is now asking for 50,000 men for Home Defence, and it is staggering to learn from the new mobilization order that this number is to be regarded as finally fulfilling the terms of the Prime Minister's solemn promise. There is no compulsion in the new order. The only difference between it and the former arrangement is that in one case men were enrolled for Overseas, while in the other they are asked to enlist for militia duty. But—and Mr. Meighen might have explained it—what has this to do with Sir Robert Borden's promise to Canada's allies that this Dominion would be represented by an overseas army of 500,000 men—not including munition workers, French, Russian and Italian reservists working in their respective armies, nor nurses, nor the fifty thousand ineligibles who never should have been accepted?

Mr. Meighen compared the present trade figures with the totals in the last few years of the Liberal administration, but he forgot to explain the reasons for the increase. He overlooked the hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of war orders, the enhanced prices of the product. As he chose to do this we naturally turn to the reverse side of the shield. We find Canada's debt three times the debt of the country in the last year of the Liberal regime. We find the tariff many points higher. We find that it costs us a third more for even our postage. We find the cost of living as high in many articles as it is in Germany, completely blockaded, and higher than it is in England, partially blockaded, or in France or Italy. We find trusts and combines so rampant that even organs supporting the Government are demanding drastic measures the Government fears to take. But, this, Mr. Meighen would say, is due to the war. Well, what about those swollen trade figures? How would Mr. Meighen like to discuss Canada before the war—Canada with its bread lines and soup kitchens, with the exodus of people to the United States and the stagnation of land settlement?

We ought to have heard also what the Government proposes to do in regard to the returned soldier. What solitary proposal has it yet advanced to deal with this extremely serious matter? How is it going to deal with the inequalities of the pension system? We agree with Mr. Meighen that the Canadian people have done remarkably well—in the absence of strong, vigorous leadership. But the magnitude of their effort has been out of all proportion to the results achieved. Finally, Mr. Meighen, we are sure, could have given some very interesting information on the number of friends of the Government who have become multi-millionaires out of the war, and whose profits are hardly scratched by taxation.

TO-MORROW'S TAG DAY.

To-morrow, Tuesday, there will be a street collection for the funds of the Women's Auxiliary to the Military Convalescent Hospitals. This organization is a special branch of the Victoria Centre of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and was specially organized to assist in making Resthaven and other Convalescent Hospitals more comfortable for soldiers. The mission of the Red Cross Society extends not only to ministering to the sick and wounded at the front, although that is its greatest object, but to the increase of comfort of those sick and wounded who have done their bit and, having returned, are still in need of hospital treatment. So far as possible it is desired to separately raise the funds for the purpose of assisting the Canadian Convalescent Hospitals. This is the reason for the special committee and the separate appeal.

We feel sure that everyone who is able will be anxious to assist this object.

Hon. Mr. Meighen says Sir Robert Borden is no bill-board statesman. In the spring of 1915 nearly every bill-board from the Atlantic to the Pacific was hired by the Government's election organization for the appeal to the country scheduled to be held in June of that year. We have before us a sample of the posters which were to adorn those bill-boards. Sir Robert certainly figures conspicuously on them. We also have specimens of pamphlets printed in August and September, 1914, entitled "The Vigorous and Progressive Western Policy of the Borden Government," "Laurier and Quebec," "The Farce and the Cost of the Liberal Naval Policy," "Splendid Record of the Borden Government," "Give Credit to Whom Credit is Due." Note the dates—August and September, 1914—showing that an election was contemplated right after the outbreak of war. This was the first of three false starts initiated by Robert Rogers and held up by the Duke of Connaught. Incidentally, when an election does take place that pamphlet on "The Farce and Cost of the Laurier Naval Policy" will not be circulated. It would be too much of a boomerang.

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Ottawa Citizen: Last week the King received in audience "Hon." Robert Rogers as a representative Canadian minister of the Crown. By thus allowing the King to be imposed upon Sir Robert Borden took another step towards becoming the Premier Sturmer of Canada. It only remains for Mr. Robertoff Rogersovitch to be made overseas minister of elections, to organize the soldiers' vote in a Dominion general election; and surely the limit of the regime of the "dark forces" in this country will have been reached.

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According to a Seattle contemporary, when the jury in the sensational case which has just come to an end in the Sound City announced its verdict, the mayor kissed his former law partner, the counsel for the chief of police broke down and cried and tears streamed down the jurors' faces. Making due allowance for everything, it reminds us of a scene in one of the plays Sol Smith Russell used to star in. Just why the mayor should kiss his former law partner instead of the judge and the jury the various accounts of the scene did not say. And why should the chief's lawyer break down and cry? Wasn't he glad? And why should the jury weep? Had it not done its duty? There was something wrong with the scene.

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A so-called Pacifist bearing the suggestive name of Bannwart committed an overt act upon Senator Lodge at Washington this morning, whereupon the belligerent Senator, who must be a stalwart man for his years and an American of the type there was reason to fear was becoming extinct, promptly knocked Mr. Bannwart down and the police carried him off. If the officers had made a search of the pockets of the stricken Pacifist they might have found his pockets lined with German gold.

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The Huns are waging war against the United States. Already they have slain hundreds of American men, women and children. Yet thousands of so-called Pacifists are besieging the Houses of Congress at Washington to-day, shouting, "We don't want war!" It is a most extraordinary spectacle and a fine tribute to the effectiveness of the Hun propaganda.

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Hindenburg said he was going to withdraw his lines in France in order to give his armies greater scope for movement and manoeuvre. He appears to have achieved his object as far as movement is concerned.

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At the Conservative meeting on Saturday night Mr. Meighen forgot to say something about Bob Rogers and Mr. Justice Galt's report.

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MR. ROGERS IN ENGLAND.

The Montreal Herald.

The cables tell us something of Sir Robert Borden's activities in England, but so far nothing has come to enlighten us as to what the Hon. Robert Rogers is doing on the other side. Why Sir Robert took such a man with him to the foot of the Throne is a mystery. In view of the verdict of guilt attached to Mr. Rogers by Justice Galt, of the Supreme Court of Manitoba, he is degrading the Crown by holding a position as Minister, and certainly he cannot be looked upon as a suitable adviser for Sir Robert Borden in his conferences with the Imperial authorities. Justice Galt pronounced an unqualified verdict of guilt upon Mr Rogers in connection with increasing a government contractor's bid from $60,229 to $68,229 and the unlawful passing of an order-in-council falsely stating the amount of the contractor's original bid to be $68,929, when Mr. Rogers knew it to have been $60,229. Mr. Rogers's evidence before the court was also declared to be of such a nature that it could not be accepted as the truth, and his statements characterized as "merely a desperate attempt to escape from an awkward dilemma." Has the character of public life, as represented by Sir Robert Borden's followers, fallen so low that among them all he must need pick out such a man to accompany him to England in connection with Imperial negotiations?

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A woman may vote as a stockholder on a railroad, but if she sells her stock and buys a house with the money, she has no voice in the laying of the road before her door which her house is taxed to keep and pay for.—George W. Curtis.

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Suit by G. Doeuillet, of navy blue French serge, smartly trimmed with colored stitching.

Model by Jennie Lanvin—A beautiful quality Suit of fine black serge, smartly trimmed with black and white check.

Another Model by Jennie Lanvin is a three-piece Suit in French gold cloth with striped trimmings.

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The styles feature Coats finished with loose backs and loose novelty pockets; also with belts.

—Mantles, First Floor

For Samples See Window Displays on View Street

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We stock all sizes and all widths from A.A. to E., thus enabling you to get perfect fit in any particular model you choose.

White Washable Kid Lace Boots, a pair, $9.00 and $10.00
Black Kid Lace Boots, with wine kid top, a pair $12.50
Plum Kid Lace Boots, a pair, $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00
Brown Kid Lace Boots, a pair, $7.50, $8.00 and $10.00
Champagne Kid Lace Boots, a pair $9.00
Grey and Blue Kid Lace Boots, a pair $8.00
Combination Grey and Black Button and Lace Boots, a pair $9.00
Two-Tone Grey Button Boots, a pair $8.00
Brown Calf Lace Boots, popular medium heel. A pair $10.00
Brown Calf Lace Boots, with French heel. A pair $7.50
All-Black Kid Lace Boots, French or Cuban heel, a pair, $6.00, $7.50, $8.00 and $9.00
The Popular Sports Boots, tan or black calf, high-cut, flat heels. A pair, $6.00 and $7.00
Neolin Sole Sports Boots, tan or black calf, a pair $6.00
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—Shoes, First Floor

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Victoria Times, April 2, 1892.

H. M. S. Warspite dropped anchor in Esquimalt harbor at an early hour this morning. She left Esquimalt early in November, and since that time has visited almost all the important places on the west coast of North and South America. The trip was an uneventful one, and in great contrast to the cruise of 1890-91, during the Revolution in Chile.

Notice is given of the dissolution of partnership existing between H. C. Beeton and J. H. Turner, the former retiring and being superseded by R. A. Lawrence Kirk.

Tenders are to be received up to the 22nd inst. for the new Board of Trade Building, to be erected on Bastion Square.

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Citizen's Educational League. — A meeting of the executive of the Citizen's Educational League was held at the week-end at the Victoria Club. Arrangements were made for financial plans, publicity, and for a meeting to be held on Tuesday next.

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Transferred to Malta.—Flight Sub-Lieut. Herbert MacKenzie, of this city, who has been acting as instructor in the Curtiss model of aeroplanes in England, has been transferred to Malta, according to a letter received from Flight Sub-Lieut. Joseph Gorman, formerly sporting editor of the Times. Both officers left this city together to take up training.

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Award for Best Tagger.—Mr. Tribe, whose son is at the front on active service and has sent a great number of war trophies home, has very kindly offered to give four German bullets to those four ladies who make the largest collections for the Military Hospitals' tag day. The tag day is being held to-morrow, and it is hoped by the organizers that the public will give it liberal support.

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Unit Cost of School Buildings.—The secretary of the Victoria School Board has now worked out figures comparing the schools in Minneapolis on the unit cost system with those here. Mr. Pope contrasts the cost of Victoria High School with Central High School, Minneapolis, to show that the cost per class room is considerably lower in Victoria, and while the per capita cost is slightly higher on building expenditure (such as architects' fees, grading, etc.), the total expenditure works out lower than in Minneapolis. Similar data has been furnished for the four graded schools most recently built.

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H. M. C. S. Rainbow Concert. — A group of petty officers and men of H. M. C. S. Rainbow gave a most enjoyable concert at Oak Bay Theatre on Saturday night. Comic songs were the great future, but there were some excellent turns by others including the orchestra. As a result of the effort the sum of $22.50 has been paid into the Red Cross Committee. The programme was as follows: Selection by orchestra, H. M. Bayford, John Duckworth, James Duckworth, Master Freddie Duckworth, Miss Helen Duckworth and A. C. Stanton; comic song, W. Creed; coon song, W. Teed; comic song, T. Weeks; song, W. Herragh; comic song, F. Wilcox; sentimental song, R. Craig; ventriloquism, Mr. Allen; selection, orchestra; comic song, Mrs. Joliffe; song, Mr. Harvey; club swinging, Mr. Daykin; song, Miss Duckworth; comic song, Mr Wilson; song, Mr. Craig; song, Mr. Creed. Accompanists, Mr. H. Bayford and Mr. T Dinsco.

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COUNCILLOR CAREY'S RESIDENCE DESTROYED

Narrow Escape of Family From Disastrous Fire in Early Hours Yesterday

What might have been attended by fatal results in addition to a very serious financial and domestic loss was the destruction by fire between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning of the residence of Councillor Carey at Oak Street, Maywood. The only theory Mr. Carey is able to advance as to the cause of the outbreak is that of a short circuit. The parents occupied the bedroom on the ground floor and the five children the rooms upstairs, and it was the crash of some article in one of the living rooms that first awoke Mr. Carey, who almost simultaneously detected smoke.

At this time flames were already spreading perilously near to the stairway. Mr. and Mrs. Carey hastily donned what clothing they could and first of all rescued the youngest baby. The husband made two hurried journeys to the first floor and succeeded in bringing the other children down to the lawn in safety. The neighbors came to the rescue and did all that was humanely possible to assist. Hot coffee and additional clothes were brought and the unfortunate occupants taken in and provided with necessary comforts.

The house and its contents were completely destroyed, and the property was only partly covered by insurance. Mr. Carey states that had the parents been occupying an upstairs room there would have been scant chance of anyone being saved as the flames gained ground so rapidly, whilst scarcely had the fire enveloped the building when the kitchen boiler exploded into ribbons, almost as if it had been made of paper. Anyone near at the time of the explosion must have been killed on the spot.

Councillor Carey's residence was a 15-roomed structure erected nearly three years ago, the contents including a very valuable piano as well as many effects of a considerable sentimental value. He speaks of the magnificent assistance rendered by the neighbors who despite the early hour did everything they possibly could for the homeless family.

Women's Educational Club.—A most enthusiastic and successful meeting of the Woman's Educational Club was held at the home of Mrs. M. Henderson, Moss Street, on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Scales gave a very interesting talk on "Music as a Language," illustrated by vocal and instrumental music by the following young ladies: Miss Blakeway, Miss Hindsman, Miss Mitchell and Miss Barker. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the hostess and to those assisting in the entertainment.

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Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment Band even with the weather to the bad last night succeeded in drawing quite a well-filled house for their regular weekly Sunday night programme. Their best numbers were Suppe's "Morning, Noon and Night," and the selections from "Carmen" and Fincke's "Passing Show." Encores were given for each of these numbers. Bandmaster W. J. Smith was in splendid form and played for a cornet solo, "Silver Showers," a brilliant and very difficult concert waltz. This number drew from the audience tremendous applause and for an encore he played "Perfect Day," which also went well. Mrs. Jesse Longfield never fails to win popularity with her hearers, and her two numbers, "Love's Valley" and "When Life Was All a Song," had to be followed by encores, "Happy Song" and "Angus McDonald" winning favor. Mrs. A. J. Gibson accompanied in her usual excellent manner. The closing concert of the present series will be next Sunday, (Easter Day.)

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ASSISTANT COLLECTOR FOR PAST TEN YEARS

Henry N. Short Died Early Yesterday Morning After Brief Illness

Death yesterday claimed one of the city's most efficient servants in the person of Henry N. Short, cashier and assistant city collector, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital about 12.45 a. m. The deceased had been in failing health for two months, but it was not until six days ago that it was thought advisable to remove him to the hospital, where he was operated upon last Thursday. Since then little hope of recovery has been held out.

Forty-six years of age, the late Mr. Short was born and educated in Victoria at the public and High Schools from which he graduated in due course. His father, the late Henry Short, was the leading gunmaker and sporting goods merchant in the city, and the deceased was associated with him in business. After the father died, the brothers H. N. and Richard, carried on the business successfully for a time, but competition changed the conditions of earlier years and the store was closed. During those days the deceased was a well-known shot, and constantly hunted and fished in the district round Victoria.

Afterwards Mr. Short turned to clerical work, and after various associations he entered the city treasury about ten years ago, first in a temporary capacity. He was assistant collector at the last. Being of a high-strung nature, the duties and difficulties of his work in handling large sums of money undoubtedly worried him, and this phase became particularly noticeable at the last. Few officials were more conscientious than he was in discharge of his duties.

Mr. Short was a very active lodge man, being a member of the Camosun Court of Foresters, also a member of the Woodmen of the World, and a charter member of Post No. 1 of the Native Sons. He was a member at one time of the 5th Regiment.

Some years ago Mr. Short married a sister of F. A. Pauline, M. P. P., of Oak Bay. The family home for some time had been at Lansdowne Road. Besides the widow, there survive four boys, the eldest 13 and the youngest 5 years of age. There also survive a brother, Richard, and a sister, Mrs. McIntyre. His parents predeceased him some eight or nine years.

The Foresters are taking charge of the funeral, which is to be to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 from the B. C. Funeral Company's rooms. Fifteen minutes later services will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, of the congregation of which he had been a member for many years.

SAANICH OBSERVATORY

Considerable Improvements Have Been Made Around Building During Past Winter.

Considerable work has been done during the past winter in and around Saanich Observatory, in preparation for the time when the institution will be ready for the objects for which it was built.

The porch of the building has been completed, and a concrete coping given to the platform around the outside of the building. A flight of 12 steps leads down from the platform in front of the south entrance to the lower level of the ground. Over the porch has been erected the Royal Arms of Great Britain.

One of the observers' houses is already occupied, and another is being built. The grounds of the director's house have been terraced, and the improvements greatly benefit the general appearance of the group of structures. On the hill itself considerable fencing has been done, marking the boundaries. A double gate now crosses the road at the cedar glen.

The approach road seems to have stood the winter rains well, and is not cut up anything like so much as it was twelve months ago. Of course when the mirror arrives later it will entail some trouble and probable damage to the road in moving it, still the improvement is steady in this respect.

Few flowers are to be seen in blossom yet on the hill, although there are a myriad of plants waiting only sunshine to offer their many-colored petals to view as soon as the season becomes a little more propitious. Already there is a steady flow of visitors, few in numbers it is true as yet, but the advent of warmer weather will bring many to admire the beautiful floral carpet, one of the most varied remaining within short distance of Victoria.

NATURAL HISTORY STUDY

Group Plan to Be Adopted by Local Society; Lecture To-night.

At the regular meeting of the Natural History Society to be held at the Girls' Central School this evening a report from the executive which met last week will be read. This report recommends that during the summer the work of the society shall be divided into groups, each taking up the particular line of study in which it is interested. The result of the work of the groups will be given at the general meetings to be held during the autumn and winter. In the past it has been the custom to close the work of the society during the summer months except for a few field meetings.

The lecture of the evening, which will be fully illustrated, will be delivered by R. C. Treherne, Dominion Entomologist, and will be open to the public. The subject will be "The Protective Coloration of Insects." Mr. Treherne is an employee of the Dominion Government and devotes his time to the study of insect life from an economic viewpoint. Owing to the interest being taken in production his lecture will prove timely.

From Commission of Conservation.—An application has been received from the Commission of Conservation, Town Planning branch, for answers covering all classes of town planning, which are being collected from 200 cities in Canada, under the direction of Thomas Adams, town planning expert.

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CANADIAN HISTORY

Conference to Be Held To-morrow to Settle Course of Study in Schools.

The character of the teaching to be carried out in the Victoria public schools in order to stimulate knowledge of Canadian history, particularly during the jubilee year of Confederation, will be the subject of a conference to-morrow afternoon. This meeting will be between officers of the Canadian Club and the principals of the city schools, and with the municipal inspectors of schools.

The object is to try to arrange the course of study in connection with the competitive essays to be held in the schools, in keeping with the understanding reached at the annual meeting of the Canadian Club of Victoria recently. The course of study will be emphasized to give special attention to the circumstances leading up to Confederation.

WOMEN TO MEET

Liberal Ladies to Gather To-night to Formulate Plans for Registration.

The Women's Liberal Association will meet in the Arcade Rooms, Broad Street, to-night, the principal business being the making arrangements for the registration of women voters. As all the work has to be done within a month it will be necessary to get started at once.

Women have been asking for the franchise for many years and now that it is theirs it is the general hope that they will use it. In order to do this the first thing to do will be to register.

Liberal Meetings.—To-morrow night there will be a meeting of Ward 2 Liberal Association, and on Thursday Ward 5 will meet. These gatherings will be held in the Liberal rooms commencing at 8 p.m.

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Wants Hungry Dogs Killed.—A letter has been received from a humane citizen urging the destruction of stray and hungry dogs, and a police census to investigate where dogs are owned, so that the waifs may be got rid of.

GAMING HOUSE RAIDED

Sixteen Chinese Arraigned in Police Court This Morning.

The police court was crowded to its capacity this morning with Chinese, drawn thither out of curiosity to witness the trial of sixteen of their countrymen who were arraigned on a charge of being the inmates of a gambling house in this city.

The raid was made yesterday by Sergt. Fry and Constables Saunders, Adamson and Stark, on premises on the east side of Fan Tan Alley. The inmates of the house, according to the evidence which was given this morning, were engaged in a game, the board and instruments of which were exhibited in the court this morning.

Owing, however, to the fact that the evidence was not conclusive, the charges were held over until to-morrow morning. The keeper of the game will be charged under the statute which deals with the managers of such games, while the others who were arrested are held for being the inmates of a gaming house.

Old Country Mail.—This morning there arrived at the local post office an overseas mail which left England on March 14. This consisted of ten bags of letters and four bags of papers.

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Bank Clearings.—The Clearing House returns for the month of February show the total amount to be $6,205,324. This is very similar to the clearings for February during the past two years.

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The amount asked for is set within the reach of all, a monthly subscription of from ten cents to one dollar being asked of each and every person residing in the district.

As is well-known, the "GREAT DRIVE" is to commence very soon, with its consequent heavy casualty lists, and as RED CROSS PRODUCTS are mainly wanted at these times of great stress, the Branch hopes that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the collectors.

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E. A. West, of Dawson, is at the Dominion Hotel.

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H. Bennett, of Nanaimo, is at the Dominion Hotel.

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E. Lowry, of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

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G. C. Spokesfield, of Portland, Ore., is at the Dominion Hotel.

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Dr. Guy O'Neal Ireland, of Tacoma, is at the Dominion Hotel.

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J. A. Hassock, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, of Edmonton, are at the Dominion Hotel.

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F. Thomas, of Ottawa, is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

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J. Lawrence, of Cle Elum, Wn., is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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William Keith, of Prince Rupert, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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T. E. Jefferson, of Telkwa, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

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Miss J. L. Robertson, of Chemainus, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

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Mrs. F. H. Price is down from Duncan and is at the Strathcona Hotel.

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E. Gardner-Smith, of Duncan, B. C., is registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Edward Moore is down from Alberni and is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Mrs. Arthur S. Coffin, of San Francisco, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

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J. Langlois and Mrs. Langlois, of Seattle, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

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Jas. H. Kirsman is here from Butte, Mont., and is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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M. O. Moran, of the Lotus Hotel, Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

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H. L. Johnson, of Nanaimo, is in the city and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

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F. Burnett and Mrs. Burnett, of New Westminster, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

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T. Allen and M. J. McLean, of Toronto, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

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H. S. Wilson and A. L. Schroder are Seattle visitors staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Geo. M. Strachan and Mrs. Strachan, of Pope, Man., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

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Col. and Mrs. E. M. Heighs are guests at the Empress Hotel from New Meadows, Idaho.

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Mrs. Chalmers, of Thrums, B. C., is a visitor in the city and is at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Sam May and Mrs. May and Miss M. A. Chater, of Windsor, Ont., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

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Edward Salt has arrived in the city from Toronto on a business trip and is at the Strathcona Hotel.

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D. H. Mackinnon and A. C. Robertson are Vancouver visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Mrs. Belle Huntley and Mrs. Anna A. Myers, of Seattle, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

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H. T. Prevost, J. E. Somerville, D. R. Hattie and Jas. Murchie, of Duncan, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Laugheed, from Outlook, Sask., are visitors in the city and are staying at the Strathcona.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Coppock, of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, are staying at the Empress Hotel, arriving yesterday.

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Mrs. R. Quinn has arrived from New York City to rejoin her husband who is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

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Dr. W. M. Beach and J. H. Deer, visitors from Shelton, Wn., on a trip to the west coast of the Island, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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Miss Helen MacIntosh, a daughter of Captain MacIntosh, of 76 Moss Street, left by the midnight boat for Vancouver Saturday en route for England. She goes under orders from Ottawa, having some time ago given her name in as an applicant for duty overseas as nurse. She received her training at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, graduating in June, 1911, since which time she has been nursing privately. It is about ten years since she came to this city with her parents to make her home, and that she has made many friends in the meantime was evidenced by the big crowd of people who were down at the midnight boat to wish her godspeed and good luck. Two sisters are living in the city, one being a teacher in the Quadra Street School, the other being Mrs. McKim.

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The Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, who made a short visit to the city on Saturday and during the day addressed a well-attended session of the Canadian Club, was the guest in the afternoon and evening of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Robertson, 1531 Elford Street, the latter being Mr. Meighen's aunt and a sister of his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson took the party, which consisted, in addition to Mr. Meighen, of his wife; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Garland, of Ottawa; Lieut. Charles Garland, back on leave from the front, and Mrs. Wood, of Winnipeg, for a two-hours' drive about the city and environs. Afterwards the visitors were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson for dinner, and left by the midnight boat for Vancouver. Mr. Meighen's purpose in touring the Dominion was to visit the various gaols and penitentiaries with a view to making arrangements for the release of prisoners who might express their willingness to enlist for overseas service. The scheme has evidently proved successful, and the Solicitor-General is returning east very satisfied with the results of his tour.

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SAANICH FIRE PROTECTION

Member of Saanich Council is Sufferer, Who Has Been Most Energetic for Change of Policy.

The fire at Cloverdale reported in another column, in which Councillor Carey is a loser, brings home to the member of the Saanich Council who has been most active in trying to establish a volunteer department in the district, the justice of the policy he has advocated. Mr. Carey, from his position in the council chamber, has argued strongly for some temporary arrangement to be made, since the Saanich Council cancelled the agreement with the city on December 31 last. A policy of "wait and see" will not do with fire provention, and the unfortunate incident ought to help the council to come to a decision when the matter is brought up again to-morrow. It was a terribly fatal fire which forced the council to move in the matter before, one which aroused great public sympathy with the widow.

It is almost impossible with so many men away in Saanich to establish a volunteer department as yet, and already a deputation has waited on the city officials seeking a renewal of the agreement pending some better scheme being devised.

"FAGGED-OUT" WOMEN

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Overworked, run down "fagged out" women who feel as though they could hardly drag about, should profit by Mrs. Carter's experience. She says: "I am the mother of six children and I got so weak and run-down that I couldn't eat anything and it seemed almost impossible for me to get around and do my work. I tried different doctors' remedies without benefit. I saw Vinol advertised and decided to try it, and received so much benefit from the first bottle that I continued to take it, and it has built up my strength and made me strong and well. I consider Vinol the best medicine I have ever taken, and advise all weak, run-down women to try it." Mrs. Bessie Carter, State Road, N. C.

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Postponed.—The mock parliament which was to have been held this week in connection with the Victoria Liberal Association has been postponed until the 17th inst.

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A comparison of the custom collections for the fiscal years of 1915-16 and 1916-17 are of interest at this time. The collections from duties from April 1, 1915 until March 31, 1916 amounted to $988,682.11 as compared with $1,075,869.85 for the twelve months ending March 31, 1917. March of this year saw a total collection of $102,692.06 as contrasted with $90,217.12 for March of 1916. Every month, in fact, with the exception of one during the past fiscal year has shown an increase in customs collections over the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Cards of Appreciation.—A number of cards of thanks were received this morning by the Victoria branch of the Red Cross Society from the Hospital Thouvenot, Toul, France. These cards are signed by the patients, staff and nurses, all of whom express themselves as most grateful for the generous gift of hospital supplies sent by their Canadian brothers. It should be very encouraging to all Red Cross workers to feel that their efforts are relieving so much suffering, not only among the Canadian soldiers but also amongst the soldiers of the Allies. It should be an incentive to renew the efforts in order that the donations to the French hospitals which are so much appreciated should not be reduced. Cards and letters of thanks have also been recently received from hospitals at St. Meuvhoud, Nangis, Toulon, and from the Belgian Red Cross at Calais and the British hospital ship "Garth Castle," showing the wide distribution of the hospital supplies made by the Red Cross workers in Victoria.

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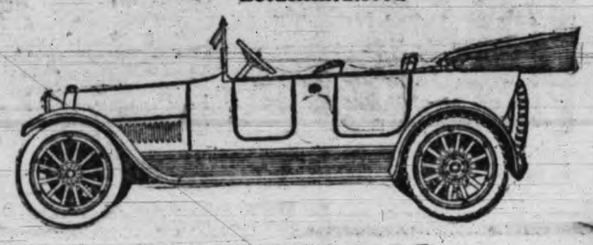

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The matinee at the Pantages this afternoon will usher in one of the brightest vaudeville programmes of the season; a bill of variety features which makes up an entertainment of unexcelled quality.

This bill is so attractive as to assure exceptional popularity this week, and Manager Rice of the Pantages has arranged for four showings on Good Friday. These will commence respectively at 2.30, 4.15, 7 and 9 p.m.

"The Smart Shop" is the title of the latest and most up-to-date musical comedy creation, up-to-date in more senses than one; it is a bright, snappy, amusing number full of action and surprises, featuring funny comedians, pretty girls who display a wealth of the latest creations as decreed by the latest edicts of Dame Fashion, and many surprising and startling effects.

John P. Wade, the distinguished character comedian, and his company of players, will present the southern classic, "The Coral Cameo," which abounds in comedy and dramatic situations, giving many opportunities to those clever actors to display their histrionic talent. "The Coral Cameo" is a tense dramatic as well as amusing sketch, which compels admiration and attention.

Wells, Norworth and Moore will offer an eccentric and classy comedy number that is sure to please immensely as these are clever performing artists when it comes to entertaining.

Francis Renault, "The Parisian Fashion Plate," will be much admired by the ladies, the beautiful gowns exhibited in this number are a show in themselves.

Dolly Castle, a dainty young lady, will present her military elephants in a fast routine of tricks, and incidentally showing to what extent these animals can be trained.

The fifth episode of the "Pearl of the Army" serial is an added feature of the programme. The dramatic possibilities latent in a conflict between unscrupulous foes of the United States and undaunted patriotism of ones having the true interests of their country at heart are utilized effectively in this episode. Again the heroine portrayed by Miss Pearl White has the leading part in a group of adventures. There is a kaleidoscopic succession of thrills in this installment of the fascinating story and a charming bit of romance enacted at their height.

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RIVER OF ROMANCE

Sparkling and Witty Love Story at Royal Victoria To-day.

Harold Lockwood and May Allison are without a doubt the cutest starring couple in motion pictures, and their appearance in "The River of Romance" at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Monday night will do much to add to the reputation of these already popular players. "The River of Romance" is a sparkling and witty love story, which tends to do nothing more than amuse. Miss Allison has a role which is truly delightful. A vivacious New York girl, who goes to the Thousand Islands on her vacation and meets a young Canadian. Instead of being just a river boatman who makes exorbitant charges, it develops that he is the son of a wealthy Montrealer, who has cut his allowance for being too frivolous; complications follow, which are really funny, but everything ends alright eventually. The feature is one of Lockwood and Allison's best. It will be shown at the Royal on Monday only.

"HUSKS" IS DRAMA SEEN AT MAJESTIC

Detective Story and Two Comedies Complete Big Programme

The chief attraction at the Majestic for the first three days of this week is a three-act drama entitled "Husks," presented by the Vitagraph Company, and featuring Rose Tapley. James Oliver Curwood is the author, and in working out his scheme he shows a fine scorn of the happy ending. But nevertheless Mr. Curwood has handled the story remarkably well, and has turned out a strong human drama, one that will appeal to all who see it.

"Four Narratives" is the name of a very powerful detective story in two acts, and presented by an all-star cast of the Lubin Company. The programme concludes with two excellent comedies. A brief synopsis of the feature follows:

A typical small town lawyer, Clay McTrigger, and Hope, his wife, are very happy. Clay is ambitious, however, and by dint of much study and his personal popularity, he is elected as representative to Congress. Hope is saddened, for she instinctively feels that it will end their simple happy mountain life. After a tearful parting Clay goes to Washington, where he makes his first speech and it creates a sensation. Snell, an unscrupulous Congressman, notes the impression Clay has made and determines to make use of him, if possible. He tries in vain to bribe Clay to vote for a bill which will benefit the Coal Trust, and is an out and out robbery; then he tries another tack. Vivian Courtland, a lobbyist and tool of Snell, is introduced to Clay and he gradually becomes infatuated with her. She succeeds in securing his vote for the coal bill, but falls in love with him and offers him wealth if he will marry her.

It is useless to tell more of the story, for it must be seen in picture to be appreciated.

MUTT AND JEFF WILL ARRIVE TO-MORROW

Famous Comics at Royal Victoria Theatre To-morrow and Wednesday

True to his promise, Gus Hill offers a new vehicle each successive season for Bud Fisher's eccentric character conceptions, Mutt and Jeff. One cannot imagine the arduous labor attached to the task of furnishing a new book for the ludicrous frolics of those two ill-mated comics, for the reason that the pace set by the original production is a hard one to follow. There must be a laugh to every line of Mutt and Jeff's dialogue, a scream to every situation, as the audience looks for it and it must be forthcoming.

Mutt and Jeff's wedding, the latest, bids fair to prove the most successful of all former productions under the title, which alone suggests humor even to the layman's mind. Wonderful opportunities are offered for scenic display and light effects, which have been taken advantage of to their fullest extent. It is rightfully claimed that this new edition excels all former hilarious situations. Fun begins and continues unabated for nearly three hours, interrupted of course by some tuneful chorus numbers, songs, dances and different manoeuvres or specialty features.

Those two comics, Mutt and Jeff, with their entire official family, will come to the Royal Victoria Theatre tomorrow and Wednesday.

THE BLACK WOLF AT COLUMBIA THEATRE

Story of Benevolent Highwayman, Who is Reared by Prince

Lou-Tellegen is the featured player in "The Black Wolf," the Lasky release to be shown at the Columbia the first three days of this week, but Nell Shipman, who plays opposite him, shares the honors. It is a subject with a happy ending. It is an interesting story, with moments that stir, and it is well told. The theme is of a benevolent highwayman, who has been reared by a charcoal burner. The latter has concealed from his ward the fact that he, the Wolf, is a prince of the blood, but the truth comes out in good time—at the psychological moment.

It is not a story that runs along original lines; nevertheless in its working out there is introduced a novelty that will appeal. This is the showing of retrospective action in a field so large that the story teller and his two auditors are seated in a corner of a spacious room and in the centre of the floor are enacted the incidents that hook up the story with the present.

The production is well staged, with picturesque backgrounds and wealth of costuming. Lou-Tellegen gives a pleasing performance. Miss Shipman charms, inspires interest and compels sympathy. The two are well supported.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

PICTURES AND MUSIC AT VARIETY THEATRE

"The Master of the House" is Played by Great Actor

For the first half of this week the attraction at the Variety Theatre will be "The Master of the House" with Julius Stegar in the leading role. Mr. Stegar is one of the greatest actors on the stage, and his wonderful grasp on the art of pantomime, the language of the soul, makes him more attractive on the screen than he was in the spoken drama.

The story deals with a husband who, tiring of his old-fashioned wife, attempts to change his affections, with disastrous results. It is a radical departure from the usual form of story; in fact, it is one of the most potent yet created by a fictionist, and is adapted from the play of the same name in which Mr. Stegar also played the leading role on the stage.

A. Prescott, director of the Variety Orchestra, has arranged a fine musical programme appropriate to this picture, and will also introduce one of the late popular numbers at each show.

HALL CAINE'S SON IS DRAMATIC ACTOR

Will Be Seen at Dominion Theatre To-day in "The Punishment"

Derwent Hall Caine, who stars in the motion picture version of Dostoievsky's "The Punishment," to be shown at the Dominion Theatre Monday, is the son of Hall Caine, the famous English author.

While his father is a celebrity, having written a number of the most widely read books in the English language and being at the present time before the public eye through publication of his war articles, young Caine does not bask in his father's fame. He is known as one of the best dramatic actors England has produced, despite his youth and his name is internationally known through his work in just such dramatic roles as the one afforded him in "Crime and Punishment."

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SPORTING NEWS

CRICKETERS PRACTICE FOR COMING SEASON

Junior League Expects to Get More Entries in Near Future

Cricket fans throughout the city are getting into shape for the season's work in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions of late. The Five C's Cricket Club held its first practise of the season on Saturday, several of the players appearing on their grounds on Burdette Avenue. The majority of last year's team are still in the club, and the champions are confident that they will be again successful this season. One loss has been sustained owing to the fact that Tucker has joined the R. C. G. A., and will therefore be seen on the Garrison line-up. But the members who participated in the winning of the Virtue cup last season are of the opinion that the new players who will appear this year will do full justice to the standard which has been set in the past, by maintaining the honor of league leader which was gained in 1916. The new Dean of Columbia, who will play this year, is expected to be a real asset to the team. Dean Quainton comes to the city with a fine record as a cricketer, and will doubtless give a good account of himself on the field.

At present the Five C's Club is the only one which has entered for the Virtue cup, but as April 10 is the date by which entries must be in, it is a little soon to predict what clubs will figure in this season's matches.

Junior League.

Progress is being made in connection with the formation of the Junior League. Already two clubs have expressed themselves as willing and anxious to join—the James Bays and the Congregationals. Before a league can be formed it will be necessary for at least one more club to enter, and it is hoped that more will be forthcoming. The qualifications for the Junior League are that the members must be under the age of 21 years, and not signed by any club entered in the Victoria and District Cricket Association Virtue Cup League.

Association of Umpires.

No names have as yet been handed in as possible members of the Umpires' Association. Unless enough names are received soon it will be necessary to abandon the project for this year at least.

LATEST OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL RESULTS

London, April 2.—The following are the results of the scheduled football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first mentioned club:

Midland Section.

Birmingham 1, Notts County 1.
Grimsby 2, Chesterfield 3.
Leeds City 1, Bradford City 1.
Lincoln City 2, Hull City 2.
Roterham 0, Sheffield United 3.
Sheffield Wednesday 2, Barnsley 2.

Lancashire Section.

Everton 4, Southport 3.
Oldham Athletic 1, Bury 2.
Stockport 0, Liverpool 0.
Stoke 2, Manchester United 1.

London Combination.

Brentford 1, Millwall Athletic 3.
Chelsea 2, The Arsenal 0.
Clapton Orient 1, Crystal Palace 4.
Luton Town 1, Fulham 2.
Southampton 1, West Ham United 2.
Nottingham 10, Portsmouth 0.
Walford 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2.

COLLEGE BASEBALL RESULTS.

At Athena, Ga.—Georgia University 8, Indiana University 0.

At West Point, N. Y.—Army 15, New York State College 0.

At Annapolis—St. John's 17, Rock Hill College 10.

At Princeton, N. J.—Villa Nova 11, Princeton 0.

PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' (A) TEAM ARE WINNERS

Two Senior League Games Are Played on Saturday Evening

In the gymnasium of the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday night the Presbyterian A team in the Ladies' Division of the Sunday School basketball league finished a season of victories by defeating the Reformed Episcopal ladies. The latter team made a very determined effort to win the game, and their rivalry was the more keen from the fact that they are the second team in the standing of the league. At half time it appeared that they would be successful since the score stood at 7-5 in their favor. The second period of the game, however, changed the course of events. The Presbyterians rallied to such a degree that they added eleven points to their score while they did not permit their opponents to net a single basket. Eighteen to five was the final result. A very good crowd was present to witness this important game. The match was refereed by Harry Smith and the teams were as follows:

Presbyterians—Misses Ella Fraser, Mary Hannan, B. Briggs, R. Harkness and B. Harkness.

Reformed Episcopals—Misses Marjorie Cuthbert, Grace McCuaig, Leila Wootton, Irene Fawcett and Audrey Carter.

Miss Mary Hannan has the distinction of being the high scorer for the league having made 55 baskets and one free shot totalling 111 points. Miss B. Briggs comes second with 89 points and Miss Leila Wootton third with 83 points.

Senior League Game.

The senior league games which were played on Saturday proved to be one-sided contests. In the First Presbyterian Gymnasium the home team defeated the James Bay B team by 50-6. G. Forbes got 26 points for the winners. At the Y. M. C. A. the James Bay A team defeated the Congos by a score of 61-5. J. McFadden and W. Ledingham each notched 22 points for the winners. The former game was refereed by Harry Smith and the latter by E. D. Todd. The teams lined up as follows:

Presbyterians — T. Hopkins, G. Forbes, F. Sproule, F. Hall and L. Lane.

James Bay B—A. Ackerman, H. Alexander, W. Huxtable, F. Hunter and E. Ledingham.

Congos—J. Buckett, E. R. Lock, B. Blundell, H. Moulton and F. Moulton.

James Bay A—J. McFadden, W. Ledingham, H. Copas, J. Moffat and F. Shandley.

Following is the final standing in the Ladies' League:

Ladies' Final Standing.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Presbyterian A	12	12	..	24
Reformed Episcopals	12	9	3	18
Presbyterian B	12	5	7	10
Congregationals	12	3	9	6
Belmonts	12	1	11	2

There will be a meeting of the Sunday School League at the James Bay Methodist Church, Menzies Street, this evening at 7.30 o'clock, when important business will be transacted, and it is requested that representatives will be present from all the clubs.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Junior League bowling match played at the Arcade Alleys Saturday night between the Piccadillies and the Navy was won by the former by 232 points, the scores being as follows:

Piccadillies.

Nason	135	177	161—	473
Davies	126	116	111—	353
McArthur	154	97	125—	376
Fitzpatrick	118	148	157—	423
Miller	98	101	110—	309
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Navy.

Ackers	84	106	96—	286
Medina	107	113	149—	369
Rezler	92	101	137—	330
Murphy	126	129	110—	365
Warner	110	122	129—	352
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To-night's games will be between the Toggery Shop and the Piccadillies in the Junior League and the Garrison and Outlaws in the Commercial League.

LALONDE IS NOTED FINANCIAL GENIUS

Lacrosse and Hockey Star is Ever Ready for Financial Gains

"Newsy" Lalonde has long been known as the John D. Rockefeller of professional sport in this broad Dominion, and many are the tales told of the Cornwall youth's financial exploits. With the exception of playing hockey during the winter and lacrosse during the summer months the Ontario flash doesn't find time for any other business and the fact that to-day he owns a fine residence in Montreal and has made a substantial pile and increased it as a result of shrewd investments shows that sport has at least been good to one athlete.

"Newsy" gets into the limelight at more frequent intervals than some of the crowned heads of Europe and he draws a "flash" head where the other stars in the sport realm must content themselves with brief mention. From 1902 until the present day Lalonde has been drawing down good money for exhibiting his wares. Home town sentiment cuts very little swath with him. He scents the big money and usually gets it irrespective of where he plays. And wherever he dons the spangles he gives of the best that is in him. When he played lacrosse for Cornwall he played hard for the home town, and a year later when he went to Montreal he played just as hard against his native town. It was, and is, always the same to him just so long as he is being well paid.

George Kennedy, the Montreal sporting impresario, tells some good stories about Lalonde and the latter's ability to get the money. Someone wanted to know how it was that "Newsy" was playing lacrosse for the Nationals on a co-operative system when it had long been known that the player wanted good legal tender and plenty of it for his services. The story that he has been playing co-operative lacrosse just wouldn't go down with those who believe they know the player and Kennedy's arrival and subsequent oratorical effort threw a lot of light on the subject.

"Nuthin' to it," observed Kennedy. "Lalonde plays lacrosse and takes his bit along with the other players, but it's the big fellows behind the Nationals who meet 'Newsy' after the game and pay over the salary. Lalonde is idolized by the Frenchmen in Montreal, and he's stronger with the millionaire class than some autoists are with traffic cops. Lalonde earns a lot of money in lacrosse and hockey. What the clubs fail to pay he gets from the club's supporters. Sometimes he gets between $2,000 and $5,000 in addition to his split of the club's treasury."

And Kennedy's face wreathed in smiles as he thought of a little incident in which he was one of the principals and Lalonde the other. "Lalonde doesn't play for nothing and you've got to show him before he starts that the money is there," continued Kennedy. "Well do I remember when we were bidding with Fleming, of Toronto, for Lalonde's services. Lalonde was to receive $5,000 for the season, with $2,500 in advance. I gave Lalonde a cheque on Saturday, but that wasn't good enough. He hauled me down to the bank to get the money and when the cashier couldn't dig up enough from the cash boxes 'Newsy' had him chasing around to branch banks picking up every loose dollar to satisfy that cheque, which called for $2,500. It took a lot of time and bills of big denomination were difficult to secure owing to the fact that the bank was closed, but Lalonde stopped right with the cashier until he had his $2,500, with over half of it in one dollar bills. He had a bunch the size of a steamroller. And this was all at my expense notwithstanding the fact that I had always done business with him and that I figured I was good at any time for the amount. No, Lalonde will never go broke as long as he can play lacrosse and count small change. He not only wants what he wants when he wants it, but he gets it." Lalonde is good for many more seasons in both hockey and lacrosse.

BIG TENNIS PLANT FOR BERKELEY, CAL.

San Francisco, Cal., April 2.—With a view toward recognition of the men who have starred for California on the tennis courts and brought the state into both national and international prominence, plans have nearly been completed for the installation of one of the finest tennis plants in the country as the permanent home of the California Lawn Tennis Association.

A handsome property in the foothills of Berkeley, where the Claremont Hotel now stands, has been acquired and bids will close shortly for the work. Plans and specifications call for an up-to-date club house, a grandstand with seating accommodations for 1,700 and 10 courts. The estimated cost will be between $40,000 and $50,000. Officials of the association are anxious to have everything in readiness for the California state championship in September.

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There has always been a question in the minds of baseball managers as to the extent to which golf may affect their players. Some of those who guide their clubs in the National and American Leagues have forbidden their players, especially their best batsmen, to play during the season, while others have imposed no restrictions.

On the contrary, there is to hand a statement from Tris Speaker, who actually gives golf the credit of having helped him to boost his batting average so that last season he led both leagues in batting.

Speaker says that he played far more golf last season than in any previous season; that he knows the injunction to "keep your eye on the ball" has aided him as has no other advice and practice. He states that the deliveries of pitchers which fooled him before had no terrors for him last season, because he had eyes trained to follow the ball up to the plate.

It may be, he added, that he was due to have a big year, anyway, and that the golf aid was not so great as he imagined, but he himself lays his great 1916 advance to the increase in the powers of concentration which are forced on one by the game of golf.

TACOMA TO START TRAINING MONDAY

Tacoma, April 2.—Russ Hall, president of the Tigers, has announced that 15 prospective Tigers would be added to the eight or nine already working out by to-day. Six players from California, including the veterans, Stevens, Bankhead, Connolley and Thompson, and two newcomers, Pitcher Ted Collins and Outfielder Pierce, are in the party.

The other players are young pitchers and infielders from Washington and Oregon towns. Hall has signed 14 pitchers, the largest pitching squad in the league, and should have a corking good bunch on the firing line. The Tigers will play their first practice game in less than a week.

EASTER COMPETITIONS AT VICTORIA LINKS

The Victoria Golf Club will hold Easter competitions over the Oak Bay links on Friday next and Monday, as follows:

Friday, April 6—Rainbow cup; 36 holes against bogey, match play handicap. Entrance fee, 50 cents.

Monday, April 9—Mixed foursomes; Eclectic, 36 holes handicap. Entrance fee, $1 each couple.

In both events post entries will be accepted and players will choose their own opponents.

SIDELIGHTS ON SPORT

Here and There With the Leaders in the Games.

The military drill idea has extended to the Class B Leagues. The Rockford Club of the Three-I League announces that a local National Guard officer will put the Rockford awkward squad through the paces.

Threat of suspension by the Salt Lake City Club brought First Baseman Bunny Brief to time in short order, and he signed at what is said to be the original offer made him by the club.

The sergeant who is drilling the Yankees in the manual of arms told Capt. Huston they should beware of the "rifle arm." To this Huston replied: "I'd rather they had rifle arms than slacker knees. Put them to it."

Manager Pug Bennett, of the Beavers, denies that he is going to separate his left-handers from his baseball players this summer.

An eastern writer remarks that it is strange so little has been heard from Ty Cobb the past winter. The answer to this is that Ty Cobb plays his baseball in the summer time.

There's always something to be thankful for. What if you were a Mexican umpire in the Texas League.

EXCITING INCIDENT IN GAME AT DALLAS

Dallas, April 2.—In a game marked by frequent clashes between the players and squabbles with the umpires the New York Nationals defeated the Detroit Americans here Saturday, 5 to 3.

In sliding into second base in the third inning, Cobb spiked Herzog, cutting a long gash in the latter's leg. The players started fighting at once, with Cobb on top of Herzog and Fletcher on top of Cobb and players from both clubs participating in a battle royal. Police finally separated the players and Cobb was banished from the game.

Bad feeling was shown between the two teams throughout the game, further actual fighting being averted by Managers Jennings and McGraw.

Score:										R.	H.	E.
Detroit ...	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—	3	8	2
New York	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	*—	5	8	0

Batteries—Ehmke, C. Jones and Stanage; Schupp, Benton and McCarthy.

WAR MAY CANCEL TENNIS TOURNEYS

New York, April 2.—The question of cancelling the 1917 tennis tournament schedule in case of war has been delegated by the National Lawn Tennis Association, it was announced Saturday, to the executive committee of the organization. The completed schedule contains more than 200 team dates, ranging from a few days to two weeks. It will be issued for publication shortly. Should cancellation become necessary every club in the association will be so notified. The executive committee, through President George T. Adee, has requested the clubs of the association to co-operate with the national body in an effort to secure the immediate enactment of a federal universal compulsory military training bill.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

The above team of the local High School is a club that is making every effort to capture the title as leaders in the City Basketball League. Reading from left to right: Standing—Bendrodt, McNamee, Manson, Stevens, Campbell. Seated—Robt. Collis, of the Faculty; Hay, Principal Smith

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BOXER WILL JOIN NAVY.

Kansas City, Mo., April 2.—Tommy Murphy, amateur lightweight boxing champion, will fight once more to defend his title. Then he is going to join the navy, he told Lieut. H. V. McCabe here recently. Murphy will praticipate in the national amateur bouts next week in Boston.

HOCKEY CLUB.

Detroit, Mich., April 2. — Detroit Hockey Club closed its season with five to one victory over Toronto All-Stars at the Arena Saturday night.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

CYCLISTS' PLATOON IS READY TO LEAVE

Early Applicants Will Be Included in Platoon Recruiting Overstrength

The cyclist platoon, under the command of Lieut. F. E. Dorchester, requires but one or two more recruits to bring it up to the required strength. Just as soon as those few men have been enrolled the platoon will proceed East to Toronto, where a short period of training preparatory to the journey overseas will be undergone. Lieut. Dorchester has been authorized to recruit overstrength so that men who are able to pass the medical tests should apply without delay, for the early applicant will be included in the platoon now under provisional orders for departure eastwards.

The cyclist corps is one of the most interesting branches of the service, the duties requiring to be undertaken by the wheelmen being not only of an important nature but remarkable for their variety. Recruits for this corps will not have to complain of the monotony of the trench, for inactivity is a stranger to the men of the wheel. Their use is mainly in the capacity of divisional troops and their work for the most part tributary to the operations of the cavalry arm.

Applications for service with this platoon should be made to the local office on the ground floor of the Sayward Building, or to the headquarters of the corps at Vancouver, 901 Hastings Street, west, the chief office of the 72nd Regiment Seaforths.

ESQUIMALT BRANCH OF RED CROSS BUSY

Statement for March Shows That Workers Have Been Active

The following statement of cash receipts and disbursements by the Esquimalt Red Cross for the month of March and of work done and handed into headquarters to March 31 shows splendid activity in this branch: 185 pairs pyjamas, 88 day shirts, 9 surgical shirts, 48 abdominal bandages, 173 triangular bandages, 5 chest bandages, 260 pairs socks, 5 pairs bed socks, 13 pairs cuffs, 60 scarves, 24 hot water bag covers, 12 pairs mitts, 8 trench caps. Included in the above list is the following work done by Lampson Street School: 24 hot water bag covers, 12 pairs of mitts, 8 trench caps, 36 scarves, 2 shirts, 24 triangular bandages, 10 pairs socks.

A cheque for $372.16, being net amount re Esquimalt Branch for March, 1917, was also sent to headquarters. The amount was made up as follows:

Receipts.

March.	
6—Cheque, Mrs. Belson, L. M., for Miss Claire Belson	$ 25.00
Miss Meyers, monthly subscription	5.00
Mrs. Seeley Smith, don.	3.00
Miss Marsden	1.00
Mrs. Shaw, sale of bags, knitting needles, aprons, etc.	2.35
Proceeds concert held at Rex Theatre	8.25
11—Miss Baugh Allen (cheque T. P. Wright), donation	7.00
3—Raffle of palm	1.10
Collected football game (Army v. Navy)	54.16
16—Collected Mrs. Warder, at football match	7.20
20—Proceeds H. M. S. Avoca concert	54.25
31—Annual fees—	
Mrs. Warder	$2.00
Mrs. Hardie	2.00
Mrs. Haines	2.00
	6.00
1—Qualicum Inn (dance), per Mrs. R. S. Boyd	81.00
3-31—Miss Pooley, re sale of seeds, etc., in Market	100.00
8—Proceeds J. P. Babcock lecture "Life of Salmon," less tickets paid for $1.50	30.75
21—Sale of "Panther" post cards	6.00
Mrs. Bullen (donation for Esq. Br. from a friend), this was reported by Miss Pooley	5.00
	$397.06

Disbursements.

Amount left with Mr. Williams for Esq. Br. by Mrs. Bullen, from a friend	$ 5.00
Cheque herewith	372.16
March.	
6—J. McNeill, work in Auxiliary Room, Head Street (February)	3.00
12—Martin, coal	2.00
Martin, wood	3.25
19—W. Angus, axe	1.15
31—J. McNeill, janitor	3.00
J. McNeill (Auxiliary Room, Head Street, for March (McNeill leaves on this date, so was paid up)	2.00
Mrs. Kemp, for cleaning	2.00
Thoburn Grocery, for broom	.50
Fox Hardware (scissors)	3.00
Total	$397.06

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RED CROSS WORK

The Fairfield Branch Red Cross has a splendid record for the month of March. Several card tournaments at private residences were given by friends of the cause, and considerable sums were turned over to the committee as a result. Six teas were also on record, and J. P. Babcock's interesting lecture helped the work. Mrs. Umbach's bridge party realized $42.50, Mrs. McCaw's silver tea $16.50, Mrs. Gunther's bridge and five-hundred $25.50. Another bridge and five-hundred tournament at the rooms, refreshments in connection with which were contributed by different ladies of the committee, resulted in $28 being taken. On Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Paul Higgins gave a card party at their residence which netted $48 for the branch. Prizes at this event were awarded as follows: 1st prize, bridge, Miss Elliott; 2nd, Mrs. Gunther; 3rd, Frank Richards; 4th, E. E. Blackwood. Five-hundred: 1st, Mrs. Gurney; 2nd, Mrs. Calvert; 3rd, Mr. Allen; 4th, Dr. Hare. To all those who helped as above and to the following the committee wish to express their earnest thanks:

Mrs. Kribbe, 1 pair socks; Mrs. J. Jackman, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Brian and Mrs. Irvine, 1115 Oscar Street, $3 for Red Cross fund; Mr. Atwood, 628 Cook Street, $1, donation for February and March; Miss Avis, Southgate Street, $1.35, for comfort bags; Mrs. Choate, 4 wash cloths; Mrs. Browne, 608 Cornwall Street, 2 pairs socks; Mrs. Sinclair, pattern of slippers; Mrs. Davenport, Lenten teas, $5; Mr. Browning, donation to comfort bag fund, 75c.; Mrs. E. E. Wootton, 3 doz. spoons; Miss M. L. Spencer, 1 lb. wool and pair socks; Mrs. Bryant, 1 pair socks; Mrs. Dunsford, 2 pairs socks; Miss Avis, Southgate Street, 75c. for comfort bag fund.

Work sent in from the branch to headquarters for month of March, as follows: Pyjamas, 150; shirts, 132; abdominal bandages, 282; chest bandages, 186; amputation bandages, 54; comfort bags, 68; "T" bandages, 162; socks, 269 (61 of the latter were machine made).

The house-to-house canvass for the purpose of raising regular monthly subscriptions from the residents of Fairfield District is progressing in a gratifying manner. There will be few if any who will refuse to give something to this most worthy cause. Anything from 10 cents up, given regularly, will be gratefully received.

Hollywood Branch.

The Hollywood and Fowl Bay Branch is doing well. Supplies sent to headquarters yesterday included 48 abdominal bandages, 12 chest bandages, 24 day shirts, 54 suits of pyjamas, 12 filled comfort bags, 12 empty comfort bags, 51 prs. socks. A committee meeting is called for this evening at 8 o'clock at the rooms, Fairfield road (over Hollywood grocery).

Fernwood Branch.

The Fernwood Branch Red Cross will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 4, at 8 p.m. sharp, in their work-rooms, corner of Gladstone Avenue and Fernwood Avenue. The committee are urgently requested to attend, also any others who are interested, as more workers are required all the time.

The following supplies were delivered to headquarters: One hundred prs. socks, 16 pyjama suits, 18 shirts, 72 abdominal bandages, 12 T-bandages, 48 chest bandages, 6 amputation bandages, 12 mufflers, 1 pr. bed-socks, 6 prs. surgical stockings. The committee are proud of having reached a record of 100 prs. of socks in a single week and hope to continue this. It is hoped to close the raffle of the tea-cloth and doilies not later than Wednesday next, and those who hold stubs are asked to turn them in. A hand-painted cushion to be raffled in aid of the branch has also been received. Tickets can be secured at the work-rooms. The rooms are open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., and more workers would be welcomed.

James Bay.

A largely attended monthly meeting of the James Bay branch was held on Friday evening at the branch quarters, 218 Menzies Street, and some idea of the work done by this branch may be gathered from the following report submitted to the meeting:

During the month of March 1,112 articles were delivered to headquarters: 408 bandages, 168 day shirts, 138 pyjama suits, 292 pairs hand-knitted socks, 8 scarves, 7 dressing gowns, 7 hospital suits, 24 military kit bags, 24 comfort bags with fittings, 12 hot-water bottle covers, 1 pair gloves and 24 sheets hemmed. In addition to the above the branch turned in $328.61 in cash.

The committee's thanks are due to the Tuesday evening young ladies' class, under the direction of Mrs. Simpson, which turned in 11 pyjama suits, 12 day shirts, 71 bandages and 9 pairs socks. The Wednesday evening young ladies' class works in conjunction with the ladies' committee and has done splendidly. The committee also wish to thank the Vancouver Island Athletic Association for a donation of $21 from the receipts of the boxing tournament; Mrs. E. Macdougal for $5 cash towards kit-bag fittings, and Mr. S. Ashdown for setting up the knitting-machine supplied by Mrs. Bullen.

The ladies will hold a silver-shower in the rooms on Wednesday, April 4, from 3 to 6. All are invited. For the summer months the rooms will not be opened on Saturdays.

On Saturday evening, April 14, a bridge and five-hundred tournament will be held at the Dallas Hotel, Mr. Ptolmie kindly granting the privilege. Mrs. Simpson will have charge and a good time may be expected. Play will commence at 8 o'clock sharp, the receipts in aid of the kit-bag fund. Phone 1821R or 3208R for reservations.

The ladies' committee will be grateful for donations of cash for upkeep of rooms and for articles of any kind suitable for raffles. The gentlemen's committee will shortly make a canvass of the Bay for financial assistance and for more workers.

FORESTRY DRAFT IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Quick Departure is Assured Those Who Join During Next Few Days

If recruiting for the newly-authorized Forestry draft is progressing as rapidly in Vancouver as it is at the local enlistment depot on Government Street, there is every reason to believe that Major V. L. Marsh, the officer commanding, will in the very near future be following in the wake of Captain Sargison and his men, who left this city a brief while ago for England.

Lieut. E. R. Vigor, the officer in charge of the office here, told the Times this morning of the remarkable success which attends the appeal for men of the Forestry branch. The type of men, too, he states, is an exceedingly high one, not a few skilled workmen in various branches of engineering who have been unable to square up their many affairs before have called in at the office and have signified their intention to join up with this draft.

The demand for the Forester has been sent out by the Imperial Government in view of the absolute necessity to produce more lumber from the forests of Britain and France, not only for the armies in the field, but for the many branches of industry tributary to the supply of the army. Those who have gone from Victoria during the last three months are already hard at work with the trees, felling even the oaks in Epping Forest.

The office, where full particulars may be secured as to enlistment, is that previously used by Captain Cargison on Government Street.

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Fifty Men Required to Train for Certain Departure Within a Month.

A very important request almost in the form of an urgent demand goes out from the Royal Canadian Garrison Artillery for 50 men to join the Siege Artillery and to receive their training in readiness for departure before the end of April. The date of departure is definite insomuch as the men must leave by the end of next month.

It should be understood that men who train for this branch of the service receive very important tasks at the front. It is expected that the heavier pieces of artillery will play a very important part in the coming operations in view of the possibility of a determined stand by the Germans at a line specially prepared at the rear.

Applications should be sent in at once to the officer in charge of the C. G. A. at Signal Hill Fort.

VICTORIA BOY SCOUTS

Owing to unforeseen and unavoidable causes the weekly letter re Victoria Boy Scouts has been discontinued for some weeks during which troop scribes have been sending in no reports. It is intended to revive the weekly letter and local scoutmasters are invited to cooperate by impressing on all scribes the necessity of submitting notes regarding the weekly doings of each troop regularly by Thursday of each week.

There is ample scope for increased activity in all directions in this city. In Vancouver there are fifteen strong troops, while here (including the recently formed troop of Sea Scouts) there are but six.

Useful Work.

However, the Victoria Scouts do useful work in an unobtrusive way, as is shown by the letter hereunder:

"Dear Sir,—Permit me to extend to the Boy Scouts of Victoria, through you, my thanks for their very valuable cooperation in the work of National Service Registration.

"Their help was of material assistance to the letter carriers and was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

"Yours faithfully,
"(Sgd.) H. F. BISHOP,
"Postmaster."

Troop Secretary.

Mr. Henegage desires to draw attention to the necessity of every troop having a troop secretary whose name and address must be notified to provincial headquarters as well as to the local secretary.

One of the troop secretary's most important duties is to see that at each troop headquarters there is either a regular notice board or some definite place at which there shall be posted up all troop orders (Dominion, Provincial, Local, or Troop), so that members of the troop will not have the time honored excuse, "I did not know anything about it."

Sea Scouts.

Mr. Willie, of 1003 Government Street, reports that he has got the nucleus of a troop together and is putting in an application for a preliminary 'lone patrol.' At this stage the members will have to qualify as tender feet, but with the summer coming on and the greater opportunity for spending time on the water it is hoped the patrol will soon blossom into a full and efficient troop. Mr. Willie reports that he has arranged for meetings to take place each Tuesday and Thursday evening at the headquarters next to the Tillicum post office for boys living in the neighborhood of the Gorge, but he is always glad to see any boy in town who wishes to join the Scouts any time during office hours at the Victoria Tug Co.'s office, 1003 Government Street.

III. Troop.

The boys of the Third and the Eleventh troops are looking forward to a combined Easter tramp, probably in the direction of Happy Valley. It is expected that between thirty-five and forty boys will attend.

Two Third Troop boys, A. S. M. W. H. Brown and Instr. H. S. Graves, after serving for over two years at the front, have now obtained their commissions in the Flying Corps.

Second Eric Winter, who has been ill in hospital for some weeks, is now at home again. He is to be congratulated on his speedy recovery from a very serious illness.

A most enjoyable practice game was played off on Saturday between the Third and the Eleventh troops, Third troop winning by a score of four goals to three.

To Hold Concert.

Patrol leaders of three of the city troops met on Tuesday last, and among other things decided to hold a concert some time in the near future. It is not yet decided how the proceeds will be applied. Full particulars will be announced later.

XI. Troop.

Fire Chief Davis's class is progressing and the work is getting more and more interesting. The 14 boys attending are now divided into two teams, under K. Brown and F. Wootton respectively, and some keen competition is looked for.

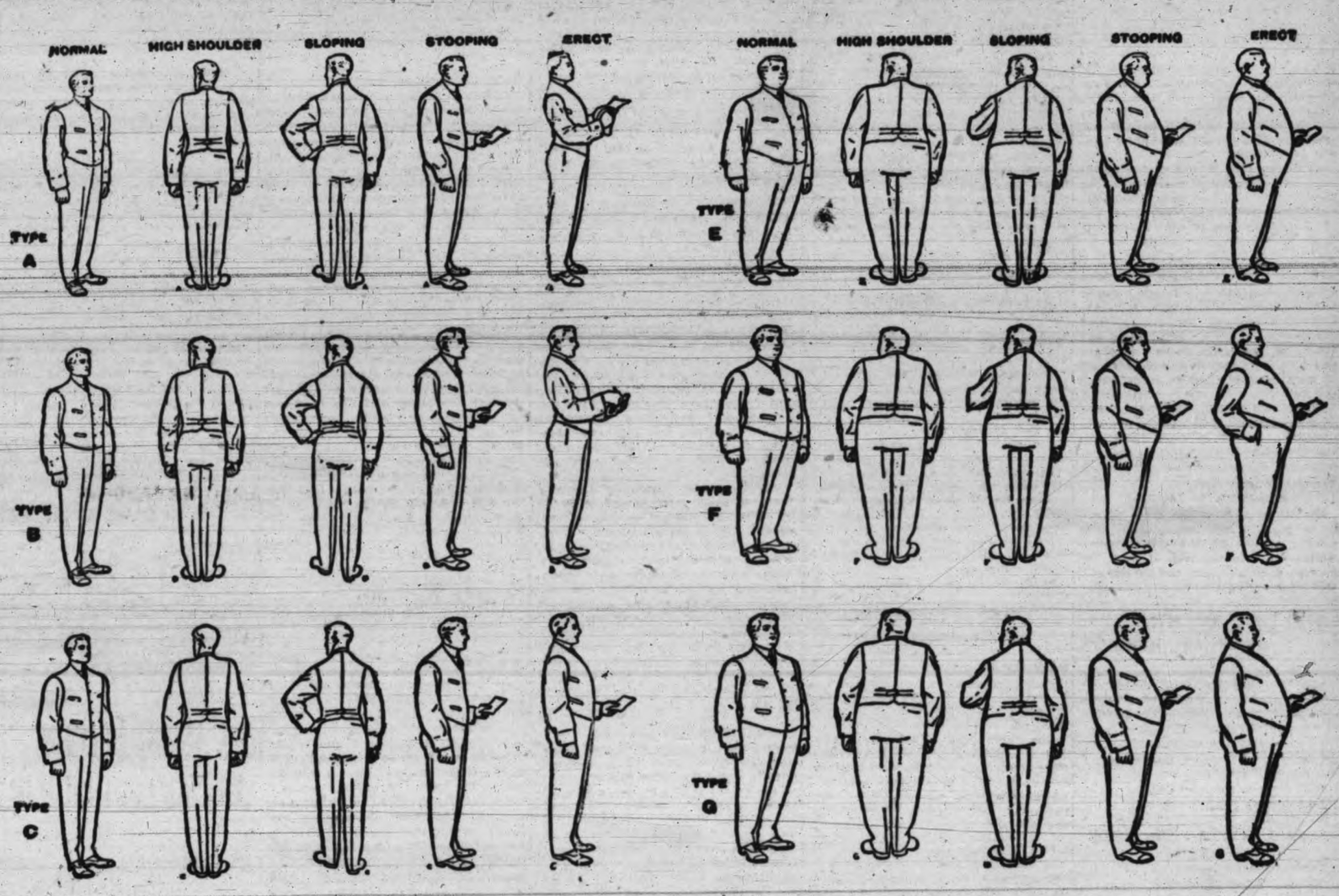
The Eleventh troop is getting things into shape for the Easter tramp to Happy Valley with the Third troop. Last Saturday they overhauled their cooking outfit and as a result must make some new purchases before the "eats" department will be in shape. About 15 boys are to go from this troop and all are looking forward to the trek.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT

Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917.

By order,
F. N. BORDEN,
Reeve.



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TWO STEAMERS FIGURE IN BIG SHIPPING DEAL

British Freighters Disposed of to New York Interests; One Now on Pacific

Seattle, April 2.—Negotiations have been completed by Robert E. Cavette, of Seattle, for the sale to New York interests of two British freighters, a 6,000-ton and an 8,000-ton steamship, closing one of the largest deals in over-ocean carriers ever made on this Coast.

One of the vessels will be delivered to her new owners in San Francisco within the next few weeks and the other in Philadelphia in May.

David Brattstrom, agent in Seattle for the Holland-American Line, is now in New York, where as a representative of powerful Eastern interests, he assisted in closing the deal.

"I am not at liberty to make public the names of the two vessels at this time," said Cavette. "One of the freighters is now in Mediterranean waters and the other on the Pacific. The vessel to be delivered in San Francisco may load in Seattle for the East Coast."

Cavette said that the New York interests, which purchased the two carriers, have received an offer for them which would net a substantial profit.

PORTUGUESE GOVT. CHARTERS FORMER HUN SHIP TO QUEBEC CO.

New York, April 2.—A former passenger steamship, the Buelow, of 8,965 tons gross, arrived here to-day under the name of Tras of Montes, and will be placed in trade between the United States and Bermuda, under charter by the Portuguese Government to the Quebec Steamship Company. The vessel was self-detained at Lisbon when the war started and was seized by Portugal when hostilities began between that country and Germany. The ship was formerly of the North German Lloyd Line and made both trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific voyages.

STEAMSHIP OFFICIALS ON INSPECTION TOUR

H. F. Alexander, president of the Pacific Steamship Company; H. F. Haines, manager; C. E. Flye, general freight and passenger agent, of Seattle; E. G. McMicken, general passenger agent, and F. M. Barry, assistant manager, of San Francisco, were visitors to Victoria yesterday, leaving by the afternoon boat for Vancouver. While in town they were entertained by William Allan, of R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Pacific Steamship Co. Mr. Alexander and party are on an inspection tour of the various coast agencies.

PRINCESS SOPHIA IN.

The C. P. R. steamer Princess Sophia is in port to-day from the North. She will leave again to-night for Skagway via Vancouver.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, $1.00 per dozen.

TIDES ARE FACTOR IN FLOATING RUPERT

Over Two Months Will Elapse Before G. T. P. Steamer Can Be Recommissioned

The next effort to float the stranded steamship Prince Rupert will be made this week-end, and should this attempt prove unsuccessful, it will be impossible to get the big craft afloat before April 22. There will be an extremely high tide on April 22 and the salvors are confident that she can be put afloat on that date should adverse influences interfere with the operations in the meantime.

According to the officers of the steamship Prince George, in port this morning on her way north from Seattle, the Prince Rupert is resting easy on the reefs at Genn Island. She was on a perfectly even keel when the Prince George passed through the Malacca Channel and so close did she pass to the scene of the wreck that a large number of interesting snapshots of the stranded ship were secured by officials and passengers from the decks of the George.

"Practically the whole of her bottom amidships has been ripped out," said one of the Prince George's complement in speaking of the extent of the damage sustained when the Rupert piled up. The machinery and boilers, however, are in perfect condition and once the vessel is put afloat she will be able to come south for repairs under her own steam.

The salvage crew from the Salvor has succeeded in blasting away the pinnacles of rock which projected through the steel plates of the vessel, and the gaping apertures are now being patched over in readiness for the next attempt to float her. The stern has been shored up and ways are being built with a view to assisting the steamer off the reefs. Some 180 feet of the vessel's bottom is more or less seriously damaged and the tank tops set up.

Officers of the Prince George are of the opinion that the Prince Rupert will not be repaired and put in commission again before the middle of June.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED

Loss of Gishun Maru is Believed by Waterhouse & Co., Charterers.

All hope has been abandoned for the safety of the Japanese steamer Gishun Maru which sailed from Seattle, January 30, for the Orient and has not since been spoken. The vessel was one of the chartered ships operated by Frank Waterhouse & Co., and officials of the company state that all hope has been given up. The only plausible theory for the vessel's disappearance is that she must have been blown up at sea by a bomb placed in her hold prior to her departure from this coast. The Gishun Maru was commanded by Capt. N. Noguchi.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, April 1.—Arrived: Str City of Seattle, from Southeastern Alaska; str Admiral Schley, from San Francisco; str Umatilla, from Tacoma via Everett; str Fulton, from Vancouver, B. C.; str Comanche, from Bellingham; str Prince George, from Prince Rupert, B. C., via ports; str Amur, towing bge Louisiana, from Anyox, B. C.; bge St. James, from Gypsum, in tow of the Pioneer. Sailed: Admiral Farragut, for Southwestern via Southeastern Alaska; Curacao, for Anchorage via Port Blakely, Southwestern Alaska; Admiral Wainwright, for San Francisco.

San Francisco, April 1.—Arrived: Str Elihu Thomson, from Seattle via Tacoma; bge Washtucna, from Port Ludlow, in tow of the tug Goliah. Sailed: Str El Segundo, for Seattle, at 10 a. m. March 31.—Sailed: Str Wapama, for Puget Sound.

Vancouver, B. C., April 1.—Arrived: Str Col. E. L. Drake, from San Francisco; str J. L. Luckenbach, from West Coast. Sailed: Str Kenkon Maru No 8, for Vladivostok.

Nanaimo, B. C., April 1.—Sailed: Str Tancred, for San Francisco.

Port Angeles, April 1.—Arrived: Bge Rufus E. Wood, from San Francisco, in tow of the str Port Angeles. Sailed: Schr Metha Nelson, for Eagle Harbor, in tow of the tug Prosper.

Bellingham, April 1.—Arrived: U. S. A. T. Sherman, from San Francisco via Port Townsend.

Eagle Harbor, April 1.—Arrived: Schr Metha Nelson, from Talara, thence January 19, via Port Angeles, in tow of the tug Prosper.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 2 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Adelaide daily at 11.45 p. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Mondays, 10 a. m.

From Vancouver
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 3 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary or Alice at 6.30 a. m.

For San Francisco
Steamer Governor, March 30.

From San Francisco
Steamer President, April 2.

For Seattle
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 4.30 p. m.
Steamer Prince George leaves Sundays, 10 a. m.

From Seattle
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.

For Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11.30 a. m.

From Port Angeles
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.

For Prince Rupert
Steamer Prince George Mondays, 10 a. m.

From Prince Rupert
Steamer Prince George Sundays, 7 a. m.

For Comox
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday a. m.

From Comox
Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.

For Skagway
Steamer Princess Sophia, April 3.

From Skagway
Steamer Princess Sophia, April 2.

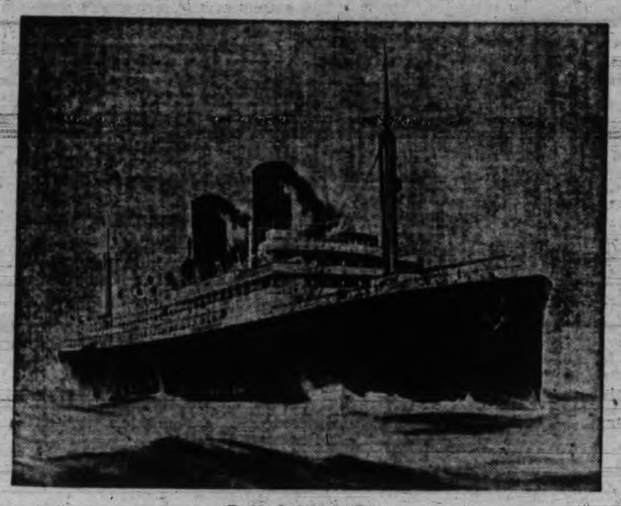
For Holberg
Steamer Tees leaves on 1st and 20th of each month.

From Holberg
Steamer Tees leaves on 7th and 27th of each month.

For Clayoquot
Steamer Tees leaves on 10th of each month.

From Clayoquot
Steamer Tees arrives on 10th of each month.

COMING ON FROM ANTIPODES



R. M. S. NIAGARA

TWO VICTORIA VESSELS DESTROYED BY RAIDERS

Sailers British Yeoman and Drummuir Originally Hailed From This Port

The sinking of the British barque British Yeoman in the South Atlantic by a German raider marks the destruction of the second vessel hailing from the port of Victoria. It was in the latter part of 1914 that the British ship Drummuir fell foul of the German cruiser Leipzig while bound from the North Pacific to Europe with a cargo of grain. Capt. J. C. Eagles, her master, was held prisoner aboard the Leipzig for some time, and later put ashore on the coast of Patagonia. The Drummuir was owned by the "Ship Drummuir Co., Ltd." (Barneson-Hibberd Co.), the vessel being registered at Victoria. This company was wound up here following the destruction of the Drummuir.

The British Yeoman was one of a fleet of three which were formerly registered here, the others being the ships Poltalloch and the Dunsyre, all of which were owned at the time by Eschen & Minor, of San Francisco. Following the outbreak of hostilities in Europe the Poltalloch and the Dunsyre were transferred to the American flag, and it was the intention of the owners to change the registry of the British Yeoman when she was loading a cargo of lumber at Genoa Bay in the spring of 1915, but circumstances intervened which prevented the proposed change.

Capt. Armstrong resigned command of the vessel following her arrival here from Australia, and she was taken over by Capt. Nielsen, who had previously served as mate on the Poltalloch. It is not known whether Capt. Nielsen was in command of the British Yeoman when she fell into the clutches of the See Adler.

When the British Yeoman was registered here the owning concern was known as the "British Yeoman Ship Co., Ltd." Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. were formerly registered agents for the British Yeoman and also for the Drummuir.

Two other well-known vessels sunk by the raider See Adler recently were the French ships Dupleix and La Rochefoucauld. These ships were regular grain carriers from the North Pacific to Europe. The former was owned by the Societe Anon. des Armateurs, Nantes, while the latter was owned by Societe Nouvelle d'Armement.

MABEL BROWN SAILING THIS WEEK FOR SYDNEY

Owing to the fact that a number of officials of the company were up at Chemainus yesterday in connection with the loading of the Mabel Brown, the auxiliary schooner Margaret Haney did not leave the upper harbor yesterday as scheduled to try out her engines. This test, according to the present arrangements, will take place to-morrow morning, when the schooner will leave her present berth and take a spin outside. The official trials will take place toward the latter part of the week.

The schooner Mabel Brown has already taken aboard about 300,000 feet of lumber, and it is anticipated that she will complete her cargo by Friday. She will start her maiden voyage to Sydney at the end of the present week.

CANADIAN COAL FOR U. S. SHIPS.

In the event of war between the United States and Germany it is not unlikely that Canadian coal will be used by the Pacific squadron flying the Stars and Stripes.

The splendid steam qualities of the Canadian product is recognized by the United States naval department. A year or two ago exhaustive tests were made with Canadian coal at the Bremerton navy yard and the tests proved most satisfactory. The coal required for naval purposes must be high in fixed carbon and low in volatile, of the smokeless variety, low in ash and clinkerless. These qualities are to be found to a high degree in British Columbia and Alberta coal. Pennsylvania coal has been used by the American Pacific warships in the past, the product being shipped out to this coast from Norfolk, Va., via the Panama Canal, mostly in British bottoms.

ENORMOUS TONNAGE FOR CUNARD LINE

Contracts for 114 Steamships at Cost of $120,000,000 is Latest Report

Philadelphia, April 2.—The Cunard Steamship Company is planning to place orders in the United States for 114 passenger steamers at a cost of $120,000,000, according to an announcement here. The announcement was made at a meeting of representatives of large shipbuilding concerns, called by the Cunard Company to discuss the orders. The new ships, it was stated, will range in size from 8,000 to 17,000 tons. Last month orders were placed with American shipyards for twelve steamships at a cost of $30,000,000 for the Royal Mail line, a subsidiary of the Cunard Company.

Launching Mishap.

Portland, Ore., April 2.—When the new $1,500,000 Cunarder Vesterlide was launched at the Northwest Steel Company's plant Saturday afternoon the hawsers broke as she slid into the water and the immense steel ship shot across the river, rammed and sank the Willamette river steamer Ruth, of Oregon City. Three members of the crew of the latter were seriously injured. At first it was reported one was killed, but all may live.

They are: Harry Colson, fireman; John Lauderback, deckhand; Joe Hanley, deckboy.

As the steamship left the ways and settled into the water she shot straight ahead for a considerable distance and then began to swing in a circle toward a lumber dock of the Inman-Poulsen Company, which was crowded with spectators to witness the launching. The crowd considered itself safe until the three lines which had been placed to hold her began to snap and the steel hulk continued toward the east bank.

The crowd on the dock was panic-stricken when it appeared that the Vesterlide would crash into the dock, and if this had happened there would undoubtedly have been great loss of life. The collision with the Ruth was all that averted such a catastrophe.

WIRELESS REPORTS

April 2, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Overcast; calm; 29.92; 40; sea smooth. Spoke str Admiral Goodrich, 7.30 a. m., off Entrance Island, 7 a. m., southbound.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 30.06; 37; sea smooth.

Pachena—Clear; calm; 29.84; 38; sea rough.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 2.63; 32; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 29.75; 30; sea smooth. Passed out, str Princess Beatrice, 5.20 a. m., southbound.

Triangle—Clear; N., light; 29.98; 33; sea smooth. Spoke str Chicago, 7.50 p. m., north of Queen Charlotte Sound, northbound; spoke str Alki, 8.20 p. m., Millbank Sound, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; N.W., light; 29.90; 36; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; 29.52; 40; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.88; 40; sea smooth. Spoke str Humboldt abeam, 10.15 p. m., northbound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.00; 45; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Overcast; calm; 30.05; 50; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; N. W., light; 30.02; 49; heavy swell. Spoke str Tees, six miles south of Pachena, 10.15 a. m., northbound.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.80; 41; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 29.79; 34; sea smooth.

Triangle—Hazy; W., light; 30.11; 35; sea moderate. Spoke str Prince Albert, 9.30 a. m., off Namu, southbound; spoke str Princess Maquinna, 10.20 a. m., Oceania Passage, southbound.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; calm; 30.00; 50; sea smooth.

Ikeda Bay—Clear; calm; 29.62; 43; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Clear; calm; 29.90; 52; sea smooth.

COLLIER TANCRED OUT.

The collier Tancred, from Nanaimo, passed out yesterday for San Francisco.

SIR WALTER CASSELS REMITS THE OREGON

Prize Schooner Proceedings Go to England; Cargoes in This Registry

Following on the order made by the Honorable Sir Walter Cassels in the Exchequer Court of Canada in Prize relative to the transference of the proceedings as affecting the Prize Schooner Leonor, an application was made to His Lordship by the Proper Officer of the Crown at Ottawa on the 16th ultimo in respect of the Oregon when an order was made. As far as the two schoopers are concerned, Leonor and Oregon, the proceedings as affecting the local Admiralty Court are now disposed of, while the question of the cargo in each case remains in the Victoria registry.

His Lordship's order, received by W. H. Bullock-Webster, who has been acting for the claimants throughout the proceedings which have been extended over ten months, reads as follows: "Upon hearing Mr. Leslie Newcombe, K. C., Proper Officer of the Crown, in support of the application made for an order to remit the proceedings against the Ship (Oregon) to the High Court of Justice (England), Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division (Admiralty in Prize), no one appearing for the Crowley Launch and Tugboat Company, alleged owners of the ship, or for Carlos R. Linga, Wm. A. Wohler and Linga & Company, alleged charterers of the ship, and upon hearing read the notice of this application and the affidavit of service thereof by James H. Gradwell, sworn herein on the 7th instant, the affidavit of Sir William Graham Greene, sworn herein on the 6th day of February, 1917, the affidavit of the said Edmund Leslie Newcombe, sworn herein on the 27th day of February 1917, and the exhibit therewith produced, the affidavit of Mr. Arthur Philip Luxton, K. C., sworn herein on the 7th instant and the exhibits therewith produced, and this Honorable Court being satisfied that the proceedings against the ship would be more conveniently conducted in the High Court of Justice (England), Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division (Admiralty in Prize).

"It is ordered that the proceedings herein against the ship be remitted to the High Court of Justice (England), etc.

"And it is further ordered that the District Registrar of the Honorable Court at Victoria, British Columbia, do forthwith upon receipt of a certified copy of this order deliver to Mr. Arthur Philip Luxton, K. C., all the ship's papers on file, other than such as relate to the cargo; also the interrogatories, depositions and testimony on file relating to the ship, and a duly certified transcript of all the other proceedings of record herein relating to the ship, for transmission to the Proper Officer of the Crown, so that the same may be thus duly transmitted to the proper registry of the said High Court of Justice, and that the costs of this application be reserved for consideration in connection with the costs in the cause."

The order is dated March 16th and signed by Charles Morse in his capacity as Registrar.

WILL ASSIST BRITAIN IN PROSECUTING WAR

C. P. R. Shareholders to Approve Creation of New Collateral Trust Bond Issue

Montreal, April 2.—Shareholders of the C. P. R. will be asked at a meeting called for May 2 to approve the creation of a new collateral trust bond issue which will be based on securities of the C. P. R. itself and of its controlled and leased lines which are included in the British Government's security mobilization plan. Should the shareholders approve of the issue they will be asked to sanction and approve an agreement between the company and the Government of the United Kingdom.

The announcement of the plan is contained in the notice that the 36th annual meeting has been called for May 2, the financial year of the company having been changed by by-law to end December 31 instead of May 2. Details of the issue are withheld until the issue of a special circular.

Estimates as to the proposed issue run all the way from $100,000,000 to double that sum. It is believed the transaction will rival in importance some of the British Government's own war financing.

Under a C. P. R. collateral trust issue such as is proposed, the C. P. R. would, it is understood, purchase these securities from the British Government, issue its own bonds against them and, with the proceeds of their sale to American banks, pay the British Government in dollars in New York, thus adding to Britain's resources for meeting obligations in connection with war purchases there.

KENKON PROCEEDS TO SEA.

The Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru No. 8, laden with a full cargo on account of the C. P. R., passed out to sea yesterday afternoon bound for Vladivostok.

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The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Russia, Capt. Samuel Robinson, R. N. R., made port this afternoon after an average passage from Yokohama. The big three-stacker passed in at Cape Flattery at 10.45 a. m. and reached William Head at 2 p. m., making a smart run up the Straits.

The Russia returns looking spick and span from truck to the waterline, the great passenger carrier having but recently been in the hands of the shipwrights at Hongkong.

The steamship was laid up at the China station for a month and she is now in first class condition to maintain an uninterrupted service to the Orient during the remainder of the year.

On her voyage just completed the Empress of Russia brought in a record list of passengers, including first class and steerage. Among the saloon passengers were the members of the American Commercial Commission who are returning to the United States after a two-months' tour promoting trade relations with Japan and China. The party, headed by David E. Rose, includes Gen. J. S. Carr, J. O. Frank, F. P. Neal and F. A. Landeck. The ladies travelling with the commission are Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. H. Johnstone and Mrs. L. W. Neely.

The party travelled extensively, visiting all the important ports and cities in the Orient.

The liner experienced fair weather while crossing the Pacific, completing the 4,200-mile trip from the Japan coast in slightly over nine days. The Russia also brought in a good cargo including a valuable consignment of raw silk for shipment overland.

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THEIR IMPRINT.

To the Editor:—A recent contributor to The Times referred to a remark made by Mr. W. J. Bowser to the effect that Sir Richard McBride had left his imprint on the province. Your correspondent, I consider, went scarcely far enough. He might have stigmatized the ex-Premier's influence as that of a taint and still have been within the bounds of truth. The taxpayers of British Columbia will, as pointed out by your correspondent, have painful cause to remember the halcyon days of reckless expenditure which characterized the tenure of office of McBride and his machine partner Bowser, a period of extravagance on enterprises that in our day and generation can never be expected to return interest on the capital invested. The taxpayer is, however, wiser to-day than when cajoled by party politicians through the medium of a servile press to hazard the credit of the province on public undertakings that so far have enriched none but promoters and contractors, as the legislative inquiry now in progress goes to show. It was McBride who introduced Bowser into provincial politics. The result is now apparent even to thousands in Vancouver who hitherto had been his most ardent supporters. It was also McBride who foisted the party system with its abuses on the electorate of British Columbia with such manifest success, as he viewed it, that, as was aptly described in the House recently, the members of the legislature became mere recording instruments of his will. A condition of affairs was thus brought about which, as subsequently pointed out by one of Victoria's foremost public men, was never anticipated by the British constitution and, consequently, no provision had been made to meet such a situation. As all know, when McBride issued his mandate in the legislature all heads nodded immediate and unconditional assent, save that of the solitary opposition member in the assembly. Herein lay a fundamental source of weakness, the consequences of which the unfortunate taxpayer of to-day and for long years to come will keenly feel and for which, in the tangled state of affairs which obtains, little hope of remedy is apparent. Exactly what a full recital would reveal to the interested public can be realized only by those having a wider knowledge of provincial doings during the McBride-Bowser regime than has the writer. Finally when he found that the political ground was giving way under him in this province McBride so schemed and contrived matters that, while assuring us of his intention of remaining in Victoria despite persistent rumors in circulation at the time as to his removal in an official capacity to the British metropolis, he appointed himself to a sinecure in England at a greatly augmented salary, and to effect this purpose a more competent man had to make way for him. When Bowser then took office so conveniently as Premier we had, as was to be expected, only a continuation of McBrideism, with its party extravagance and muddling, as witness the Prohibition measure, involving, as it does, confiscation of vested rights to which no just person could be expected to lend his support. From what has so far come to light, the action of our present Agent-General in London in connection with the soldiers' votes does not make for public confidence in the office that official is supposed to grace; and it appears inevitable, judging from years of experience, that as long as either McBride or his former lieutenant Bowser have to do in any capacity with the country's affairs just so long will there be the feeling in the public mind, unbiased, that we stand rather to suffer than to gain by their presence and activities.

"AMOR PATRIAE."

March 31.

SOLDIERS' VOTES.

To the Editor: — The temperance cranks who are more drunk on words than the soldier is ever likely to be on beer have been at it again, and one hardly likes to treat them with the seriousness that would exaggerate their importance. Take that mass meeting which was held last Wednesday evening in which Mr. Savage was the principal speaker, in which he condemned our brave boys at the front for defeating prohibition. That speech was prompted by persistent petitions of certain religious bodies, and I would say as one that have fought by the sides, and one that respects a soldier that these stay-at-homes are throwing insults and slurs at our brave boys who are fighting for them at the front and at the King's uniform they are wearing. It still remains true that in too many cases the King's uniform only brings to the wearer patronage from the lookers-on and not the honor they should get. There are still far too many who know too little of the good side of a soldier and grossly exaggerate the bad. Does a man take off his manhood and his self-respect when he takes off his civilian's coat in favor of khaki? Does the latter infallibly lend itself to dissipation? When will those stay-at-homes learn to realize that a soldier is a man and cannot be bought with free drinks of wine and beer, as Mr. Savage said at this great mass meeting? I want to tell Mr. Savage that a soldier has a right to work out his own salvation on his own lines. This implies a plea, Mr. Savage, not for free drinking but free thinking for soldiers. I want to tell Mr. Savage that the soldier of to-day is the nation and justified still more by the fact that if it were not for our brave boys to-day there would be no nation to vote for. Any proposal to hold an election from now on that misses the votes of the fighting men is ridiculous, and I would like to state to Mr. Savage that the vote of our boys at the front will have to stand, because the will of the majority stands in any election. I would like to ask Mr. Savage if it would not be a good time to telegraph to the Minister of Militia for permission to raise a fighting parsons' and stay-at-homes' battalion, and take them across to France and Belgium, and then they might have a little time to convert our brave boys, and at next election they might vote for prohibition without getting drugged. If Mr. Savage and his standpatters had been to the front line of trenches like some of the brave boys that are in their midst to-day they would not be so hasty to condemn their vote and their little tot of rum, because there are lots of folks who go to church like their little snip of rum, wine or beer, and yet they want to cut out the boys' little tot while they are away fighting for their cause. If it was not for our soldiers whom Mr. Savage condemns for selling their votes for wine and rum, there would not be any churches to go to in Canada. I am thinking they would have been blown down long ago, because the stay-at-homes would not have the grit in them to stand and protect them. Let them enlist and take a trip to the firing-line and they will see for themselves the beautiful places of worship that have been levelled in that battlefront where our soldiers did not have time to get drunk and sell their vote. It would take them a long time to get drunk on French beer, because it is not so strong as Canadian beer. I remember when I was a little boy in England the first work I ever did for a one-legged man. He had to walk on crutches. He used to sell blacking for a living, and I used to carry his basket. He was the superintendent of our Sunday school, and what they call in Cornwall a local preacher. He used to think he was everything that was good, but he used to like his pint of beer and a smoke out of his pipe. We used to take different routes every day in the week, and I have seen him take as high as two or three quarts a day, and he used to smoke half an ounce of tobacco a day, and he is not the only one that I have seen have his beer and tobacco. There are a lot of church-going people in Canada to-day that are afraid they are going to lose their little snip of beer. I am not criticizing the church, because I go to church myself sometimes—not to one in particular. I go into any church. There are some good church-goers and there are some bad ones. There are some that mind their own business and some that try and run the other fellow's business, and if they would mind their own or let the other fellow's alone the churches would be better off and get along better. In conclusion, I would like to state to Mr. Savage, after a long, fatiguing march, red wine may be drunk with good advantage. So the tiny little tot's effect is one of the few sure things in this prolonged experiment that we call life; and if, as the cranks say, it only does good for a time, certainly nothing higher is needed of it in this very ephemeral world.

GEO. LITTLE.

A soldier's friend, late 13th Bat., C.E.F.

Haultain Street.

March 31.

CHURCH EXEMPTION—THE CATHOLIC VIEW.

To the Editor:—An "Old-fashioned Presbyterian" is perfectly entitled to his own views on taxation and on all other subjects, but before he discusses the views of others he should at least make sure that he knows what they are.

It is true that a good deal was omitted from your report of the meeting of the "Church Tax Exemption Association" with the Municipal Committee of the Legislature last week, but I think that the synopsis, for example, of my own statement published by you was clear enough to give an "Old-fashioned Presbyterian" a better idea of what I was trying to maintain than he seems to have gathered from it. He suggests that I am inconsistent; that on my own principles I can argue solely for the exemption of the Catholic Church site from taxation. I am certain that he will accept my assurance that this is not so. I do not remember whether I actually used the word "consecrated" before the committee; if I did I intended it to be understood in its general fundamental sense of "setting apart as sacred." In this sense Catholic bishops and priests claim no monopoly of the right to consecrate. It is obvious that anybody can set apart himself and all that he has for a sacred purpose; that is "consecration" in the ordinary sense; it is hardly likely that I would intend to force on a general committee a technical use of the word confined solely to my own church.

An "Old-fashioned Presbyterian" thinks that my conscience must compel me to do this. It may be news to him that freedom of conscience is one of the fundamental doctrines of the Catholic Church. I am fully aware of the retort that will fly to his lips and those of many others as he and they read this; at the same time it is a fact. Conscience is that final judgment between right and wrong which directs every thinking man in the conduct of his life. My own judgment leads me to accept and practice the doctrines of the Catholic Church; at the same time those very doctrines teach me that the judgment of many others does not coincide with my own. I believe their judgment to be false, absolutely speaking, but I recognize that they themselves believe it to be true, and that they are acting in perfectly good faith in differing from me. This judgment between right and wrong, which we call "Conscience," is affected by a thousand influences, the most powerful of which are heredity, temperament and environment. Very few are able to divest themselves absolutely of the effects of these influences and examine fundamental questions in the cold light of pure reason. But since every man's conscience is his ultimate court of appeal, so long as he obeys it faithfully, his right to do so must be respected by every other man, and a Catholic is as fully prepared to grant this and act on it as any one else. Hence, when a man's conscience leads him to worship God according to the custom of the Presbyterian or Methodist, or any other church, so long as he follows it in good faith no Catholic or anybody else has any right to interfere with him or judge him harshly on purely religious grounds. If a man's conscience induces him to follow a mode of life that is opposed to the common good, that is another matter which it is for the state to deal with. But even so, while it may be necessary to segregate an individual of this kind, and to use every legitimate means to persuade him to alter his judgment, if he remains obdurate, his conscience is still inviolate. This is, of course, an extreme example; I quoted as an application of the principle that is sometimes lost sight of.

There is nothing inconsistent in my differing profoundly from my Protestant friends on certain points of religion and yet co-operating with them in the full in attempting to secure what we still maintain to be an act of justice. It does not follow that because different members of the deputation to the Municipal Committee last Thursday week dealt with various aspects of the question of exemption, they were unaware of the principle underlying it. We all agree that the Christian conscience imposes the necessity of the public worship of God; and as a Catholic I maintain that it is better to worship the true God in a manner differing, mistakenly as I believe, from that of the Catholic Church, than not to worship Him at all. I presume that the non-Catholics with whom I have been working hold the same view with regard to our worship.

As far as the Legislature is concerned, the question is this: The British Constitution distinctly recognizes the existence of God and His right to worship. It is commonly said by our lawyers that "Christianity is the law of the land." At the same time no particular form of Christianity is laid down as the true one; therefore, any conscientious profession of belief in God through Christ can claim to be in harmony with British law. And since all forms of Christianity include a regular assembly for public worship, and the necessity of this assembly is a matter of conscience, it is not too much to say that any legislation which tends to hinder such assemblies is an infringement of the rights of the Christian conscience as secured by British law. This is the reason why I asserted that land used for this purpose, set apart or "consecrated" to the public worship of God, cannot be regarded in the same light as ordinary land. In this case on the basis that population gives land value, lands occupied by churches have no land value, since they are occupied by no person or persons at all in the sense intended by an "Old-fashioned Presbyterian." The Christian, and therefore the British Constitution, regards them as formally occupied by God Himself. It is true that God is everywhere, but the exigencies of daily life make it difficult for the average man to be continually conscious of the presence of God. The individual church members occupy their own homes and places of business; theoretically it is certainly possible to worship God in the home or in the store; but so many interests fill the mind in these places that the setting apart of a house exclusively devoted to the recognition of the all-pervading presence of God is not only an act of homage to the Creator, it is also a practical necessity for the fostering of the religious sentiment. Such a building is universally described as the "House of God." The law shows special respect for it; an outrage against God committed in the public street is blasphemy, but an outrage against one of these "Houses of God" is a sacrilege and a special offence. The opposition to the exemption of church sites from taxation rests fundamentally on the assumption that the church building is a luxury which a certain number of people provide for themselves by clubbing together, much in the same way as others provide themselves with a club or lodge room. If a community made no public profession of a belief in God, this would be true, but it is not true in British territory. Legislation which places land set apart for the worship of God, delivered over, as it were, to His sole occupancy, on the same level as land occupied for business purposes is in opposition not only to true British principles, but to every principle of taxation.

"Old-fashioned Presbyterian's" view of the principle underlying the land tax is one view, but not the only one. However, even supposing it is true that the "person or persons who occupy land through an ad valorem tax on land repay the public for the privilege they enjoy," it is also true that the public or the community derives the right to grant this privilege from God who made the land. The public is not justified in regarding God's right to the sole occupancy of certain lots in a city as a privilege to be repaid by an ad valorem tax. When a congregation buys a site for a church it is really God who sets apart that site for Himself; all strictly church property is held on this assumption, and hence the revenues accruing from it can be devoted solely to the maintenance and propagation of religion. The community derives all that it possesses from God, and it is in recognition of this fact that every professedly Christian country in the world except British Columbia grants Him the sole occupancy of certain portions of land, and I repeat that when a community regards such land in the same light as other land, it has lost sight of Him.

ANSELM WOOD.

March 31.

WON BY COAST TEAM

Curling Trophies Captured by Victorians Brought to the City.

Displayed in the window of O'Connell's Men's Clothiers' Establishment on Government are two trophies which were won last January by a team of curlers of which two were Victorians. The trophies are the Nelson Cup and the Tuckett Curling Model, the latter being a figure of a man playing the game.

The Bonspiel was held in January at Rossland under the auspices of the B. C. Curling Association, the Victoria team being composed of P. J. Dunn and F. W. Pretty, of this city; O. M. Shore, of Vancouver, and J. M. Burden, of Rossland. This is the first time since the trophies were offered for competition that they have left the interior of the province to come into the possession of a coast team.

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VICTORIAN KILLED

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Private Arden was born in Toronto thirty-six years ago, and came out west with his parents while very young and has spent nearly the whole of his life in Victoria and the immediate locality. He married Miss Zoe Bucknam, of James Bay, who is at the present time serving as a nurse at a military hospital in Streatham High Road, London, S. W.

Prior to enlisting for service overseas Private Arden was employed at the Experimental Farm, Bazen Bay, near Sidney. One sister, Mrs. Pears, is a resident of Vancouver, whilst a brother, Percy, is still in Metchosin.

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PLUMBING AND REPAIR—Coil work, etc. Foxgord & Son, 1606 Douglas St. Phone 706.

THACKER & HOLT, plumbing and heating, jobbing promptly attended to. 609 Speed Avenue. Phone 2922.

PLASTERERS

FRANK THOMAS, plasterer. Repairing, etc.; prices reasonable. Phone 3312Y. Res., 1750 Albert Ave., City. a8

SCAVENGING

VICTORIA SCAVENGING CO., Office 1826 Government Street. Phone 662. Ashes and garbage removed.

SEWER PIPE AND TILE MANUFACTURERS

SEWER PIPE WARE, field tile, ground fire clay, etc. B. C. Pottery Co., Ltd., Broad and Pandora.

SHIRTMAKERS

SHIRTS MADE TO ORDER, samples and measurement forms forwarded. Custom Shirtmakers, 1856 Chestnut. Phone 3632L. a21

SEWER AND CEMENT WORKS

T. BUTCHER, sewer and cement work. 2330 Lee Avenue. Phone 5285L. a17

TAXIDERMISTS

WHERRY & TOW, 629 Pandora avenue Phone 3321. High class selection rugs, big game and various heads for sale.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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SHOE REPAIRING

REMOVAL NOTICE—Arthur Hibbs, shoe repairing, has removed to 607 Yates St., between Broad and Government.

SHOE REPAIRING promptly and neatly done, reasonably priced. H. Wheat, 1[illegible] Blanshard St., two doors from telephone office.

TRUCK AND DRAY

VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO., LTD.—Office and stables, 749 Broughton St. Telephones 13, 1768, 1793.

TYPEWRITERS

TYPEWRITERS—New and second-hand, repairs, rentals; ribbons for all machines. United Typewriter Co., Ltd., 732 Fort street, Victoria. Phone 4798.

VACUUM CLEANERS

HAVE THE AUTO VACUUM for your carpets. Satisfaction assured. Phone 4616.

WOOD AND COAL

WESTERN COAL & WOOD CO.—Cordwood, any length; lump coal, $7.50; nut, $6.50. Phone 4768.

FIR MILLWOOD—Half cord, $1.50. Phone 13820. a28

Y. W. C. A.

FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home. 756 Courtney street.

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER

F. L. HAYNES, high-grade watchmakers and engravers, manufacturing jewelers. We specialize in ring making. Wedding rings made at shortest notice. Best and cheapest house for repairs. All work guaranteed. 1124 Government. a19

WINDOW CLEANING

ISLAND WINDOW CLEANING CO.—Phone 3815. Pioneer window cleaners and janitors. 346 Arnold.

LODGES

CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS—Court Columbia, 834, meets 4th Monday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates St. R. W. O. Savage, 101 Moss St. Tel. 1752L.

S. O. E. B. S. JUVENILE YOUNG ENGLAND, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays A. O. F. Hall, 7 o'clock. Secretary, E. W. Howlett, 1751 Second Street, City.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Princess Alexandra, No. 18, meets third Thursday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates Street. Pres., Mrs. J. Palmer, 625 Admiral's Road; Sec., Mrs. H. Catterall, 921 Fort.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Primrose, No. 32, meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8 p. m., in A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. Pres., Mrs. Oddy, 722 Discovery. Sec., A. L. Harrison, 912 Fairfield. Visiting members cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra 116, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. President, E. W. Howlett, 1751 Second Street; secretary, J. Smith, 1373 Seaview Avenue, Hillside.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S. Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in A. O. F. Hall, Broad St. W. J. Cobbett, Maywood P. O., president; secretary, A. E. Brindley, 1617 Pembroke St., City.

K. OF P.—Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, K. of P. Hall, North Park St. A. G. H. Harding, K. of R. & S., 16 Promis Block, 1006 Government Street.

COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesdays, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas Street. D. Dewar, R. S., 1240 Oxford Street.

THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park Street. Visiting members cordially invited.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, Victoria Chapter, No. 17, meets on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 p.m. in the K. of P. Hall, N. Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

A. O. F. COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5953, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Sec'y.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT

ESQUIMALT PLUMBER—A. Macdonald. Jobbing punctually attended to. Estimates furnished. Phone 3686. 1257 Esquimalt Road. a15

FOR SALE—POULTRY AND EGGS.

RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS, $1.00 setting 13; White Wyandottes, $1.00 setting 13. 1419 Douglas, or 1459 Vining. Phone 1879. a3

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From purebred prize stock. $1.00 up. 422 Dallas Rd. Phone 4063L. a17

SETTING from New Zealand White Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks, $1.00. A. Lang, R. D. No. 3, Carey Road. a17

FOR SALE—Single comb R. I. Reds, Orpingtons, White and Brown Leghorns, all good stock, $1 per setting. 1841 Chestnut Avenue. Phone 1889L. a15

WHITE WYANDOTTE, Black Minorca, Rhode Island Red, Barred Rocks. 75c sitting, $5 hundred. Walton, cor. Mt. Tolmie Rd. and Lansdowne. Phone 3888L. a13

RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS, 75c. for 13. 1911 Belmont. Phone 782R. my18

FOR SALE—Or trade for hens, new sanitary closet; also copper lined bath and fixtures. Apply 115 Burnside Road. a2

FURNISHED ROOMS

OSBORNE COURT, 817 McClure, at junction of Blanshard and McClure and Collinson Streets. Well furnished bedrooms, with or without private bath. Terms reasonable, by day, week or month. a6

BRUNSWICK HOTEL—50c. night and up, $2 weekly and up; best location, first-class, no bar; few housekeeping rooms. Yates and Douglas.

FOR RENT—Venice Rooms, Mellor Block, 712 View Street, furnished or unfurnished. Apply Mellor Bros., Ltd., 819 Broughton Street. m29 tf

ROOM AND BOARD

ROOM AND BOARD—Ideal locality, 7 minutes from Post Office; cheap rates. Phone 1057Y. a3

CRAIGMYLE, 1037 Craigdarroch Road. First-class boarding house, ladies and gentlemen. Phone 2318R. a20

HOME COOKING and sunny, comfortable rooms at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt Road, for $7 per week. Rooms, per day, 35c up. Meals to order, 35c. Also furnished suite for light housekeeping, $10 per mo. Near to Reserve works and shipyard. Under new management. a9

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES.

FOR SALE—Buick bullet, in first-class condition, tires nearly new. Box 860, Times. a3

FOR SALE—McLaughlin Buick runabout, in first-class condition, cheap for cash. W. S. Darling, Dominion Bank. a2

WANTED HOUSES.

CAREFUL TENANTS desire cheap, furnished or unfurnished, house with garden; state size and rent. Box 882 Times. a3

WANTED—Three or four roomed cottage, all furnished or partly, near the sea. Box 840, Times. a2

APARTMENTS

FURNISHED and unfurnished suite, steam heated, near beach. Bellevue Court, Oak Bay. Phone 2756.

FURNISHED SUITE to rent. Normandie Apts., corner Cook and Fisgard Streets. a30

THE KENSINGTON, 919½ Pandora Ave. Front suite for rent, hot and cold water, own bath. Phone 5405. a6

APARTMENTS to let, McDonald Block, Oak Bay Junction. Phone 731L. m12 tf

DANCING.

NOTICE—Hold your dances in the Connaught Hall. Finest floor in the city. For bookings, phone 5415O or 3860R. a5

HELP WANTED—MALE

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS, 1222 Douglas, corner of Douglas and Yates. Tel. 19360. jy4

EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future require skilled or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

WANTED—Two good grocery clerks. Copas & Young. m31 tf

SECOND MATE wanted for auxiliary vessel; must have papers foreign going. Apply Box 7702, Times. m28 tf

COOK AND STEWARD wanted, at once (one man), for auxiliary vessel engaged in foreign trade; must be experienced; good wages to right party. Apply Box 7701, Times. m28 tf

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

GIRL HELP wanted for tea room; comfortable home. "The Chalet," Deep Bay, interurban car terminus. a7

A COMFORTABLE HOME and $15 per month for mother's help, to assist with light house work and care three children, aged 2, 3 and 7 years. Box 880, Times. a3

WANTED—Cook-housekeeper; good wages to suitable person. Apply 617 Douglas Street, opposite Glenshell Inn. a3

WANTED—Housekeeper, good cook; 2 in family. 715 Broughton Street. a3

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, won't you send in your name to the Municipal Free Labor Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—One pair of nose glasses, between Union Bank Building and Pemberton Block. Finder please return Hugh B. Gilmour, Union Bank Bldg. a3

LOST—Tabby Persian cat. Finder please Phone 4002R. a4

LOST—$60 in bills, Thursday afternoon. Please return to 1013 Pendergast. Reward. a2

LOST—On 23rd inst., gold watch chain, between Empress Hotel and Douglas. Phone 2606L. a2

FOUND—Black and tan puppy, black collar. Owner can have same by paying for advertisement. 2711 Quadra. a2

MISCELLANEOUS

MOTORCYCLES—New and second-hand, for sale, from $100 to $300; Speedwell side cars, $40 and $27.50. Motorcycles, bicycles, etc., overhauled. Frames brazed, straightened and enamelled. Engine parts machined and re-ground. Gauge and tool makers. Electrical machine shop. The Douglas Cycle & Motor Co., 2845 Douglas Street. Phone 878.

PRIVATE TUITION in Public School subjects. Box 863, Times. a3

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY—Monday, April 2, 8 p. m., Girls' Central School. Mr. Treherne on "Protective Coloration of Insects." a2

E. & A. FIREPROOF PAINTERS. Phone 1978. a11

GENERAL TEAMING, plowing and harrowing. Phone 828. a10

LAWN MOWERS ground, collected and delivered, $1; smooth, razor edge, cut cigarette paper, job guaranteed. Dandridge, Oak Bay Ave. Collection phone 1228R. a9

ANOTHER "ISM"—"It is unreasonable to expect tire puncture repairs to be guaranteed." We have a bicycle at $15, beautifully tight nuts and cast steel cones. Can you beat it? 330 Burnside. a14

GARDENING—Gardens made and kept up; lots cleared, lawns made, cellars cemented, tiles laid and cement walks; contract or day work. Trees pruned and sprayed. Ng. Hop, P. O. Box 865. a3

INSURE YOUR CAR against breakdowns this season by having it properly overhauled. Special prices on Ford repairs. Arthur Dandridge, 910 Gordon, rear Weiler Bros. Phone 479.

FILLING, also ploughing and harrowing done. Phone 168. a3

WILL PAY from $2 to $10 for gentlemen's cast off clothing. Will call at any address. Phone 4329. 1421 Govt. St.

DIAMONDS, antiques, old gold bought and sold. Mrs. Aaronson, 1007 Government street, opposite Angus Campbell's.

BEST PRICES paid for gents' cast-off clothing. Give me a trial. Phone 2007 1406 Store street.

A1 BEDDING (Excelsior) for horses, cattle, etc., given away free. Sweeney Cooperage Co., Ltd., Ellery Street and Lampson, Victoria West. a12

LAWN MOWERS ground, collected, delivered, $1; Electric English machine. Enufsed. Dandridge, collection phone 1228R. a30

DANISH GREYHOUND. Owner will give to good master. Apply Phone 3171. a2

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN—We have several amounts up to $3,000 to loan on improved property, low taxes. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas Street. Phone 1466. a3

WANTED — MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED—Tent with high walls; state size and price. Box 883, Times. a3

WANT TO BUY a business that a few hundred dollars will handle. Full particulars only considered. Box 881, Times. a3

GOOD PRICE given for broody hens. Phone 1634 and advertiser will call for them. a3

I WANT SOME FURNITURE for 6 rooms; will pay fair price for whole or part, cash down. Magnet, 650 Fort. a20

FERRIS will pay cash for any quantity of furniture. Ring up and we will value for you. Phone 1879. a17

WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, bottles, sacks, rubber, etc., etc. We buy and sell everything and anything. Phone 1229. City Junk Co., B. Aaronson, 565 Johnson St., cor. Oriental Alley. a16

HOUSE OF FURNITURE wanted for cash. Phone 2272.

A LADY WILL CALL and buy your high class cast-off clothing. Spot cash. Mrs. Hunt, 812 Johnson, two houses up from Blanshard. Phone 4021. a10

CASH PAID for old bicycles and parts in any condition. Phone 1747, Victor Cycle Works, 572 Johnson St.

WANTED—Any quantity chickens or ducks, cash paid at your house. Phone 5019L, or write 615 Elliot street, city.

1,000,000 EMPTY SACKS, at any quantity, wanted. D. Louis, 919 Caledonia Ave. Phone 2492

WANTED—To buy, daffodils. Brown Bros., 618 View Street. a3

WANTED—Set springs for English baby carriage. Dandridge, Phone 4665L. a2

WANTED—Good cook stove, Gurney preferred; must be cheap for cash. Box 853, or Phone 4001R. a2

WE PAY HIGHEST PRICES for brass, copper, lead, zinc, rubber, rags, sacks. Phone 5005. Canadian Junk Co., 509 Johnson.

AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE.

JITNEY CARS—People wishing to hire jitney cars by the hour or for short trips should telephone Jitney Association Garage, number 2081.

DRESSMAKING.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS, $9; silk gowns from $5.50, good cut and fit; remodelling; satisfaction guaranteed. 1192 Fort. a5

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Unfurnished)

FOR RENT—HOUSES AND APARTMENTS, furnished and unfurnished, in all parts of the city. Lloyd-Young & Russell, 1012 Broad street, ground floor, Pemberton Building. Phone 4632.

TO LET—7 roomed house, 318 Oswego. Apply 1228 Montrose Ave. Phone 3236L. a14

TO LET—House, 6 rooms, 402 Quebec St. Phone 3165L. a17

TO LET—Four room cottage, modern conveniences, Davida Street, Gorge; rent, $5. Apply F. Higginbotham, cor. Robert and Davida. tf

FOR RENT—Modern house, 1875 Fort Street, 3 bedrooms, $12.50; modern, new, 7-room house, 1422 Harrison Street, $15. McPherson & Fullerton Bros., 520 Central Building. a6

UNFURNISHED HOUSE, 5 roomed cottage, Johnson Street. Apply 1152 Yates Street. a2

WE HAVE three 5-room bungalows in Oak Bay district, moderate rent, splendid houses. Apply Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd. Phone 4169. a3

APPLY to Green & Burdick Bros., Ltd., for furnished and unfurnished houses. We have a good list to choose from. a3

FOR SALE—On Montreal Street, James Bay, six-room, modern home, cement basement, walks, furnace, garage, large lot; snap price $2,500; about $500 down, balance can remain at 7 per cent. Phone owner, 3884L. a5

TO RENT—Five roomed cottage, 1006 Fairfield Road; rent $10 per month. Lee & Fraser, 1222 Broad Street. a2

FOR RENT—HOUSES (Furnished)

HOUSES TO RENT, furnished and unfurnished. We have a large number of houses to rent, several new ones. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Bldg.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET—Linden, 8 rooms, $30 per month; Belmont, 8 rooms, $30; Avebury, 8 rooms, $30; Burdett, 6 rooms, $25; Belmont, 6 rooms, $20; Amphion, 6 rooms, $25. For full particulars see Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort Street. a3

FURNISHED BUNGALOW for rent, Oak Bay Junction. Phone 322 or 912R. a2

TO RENT—Furnished house, 5 rooms, all modern, piano, etc., garage, at 578 Head Street, $20. Apply owner, 900 King's Road. Phone 3690R. a14

TO RENT—Cheap, six acres, chicken ranch, on waterfront, with 2 roomed house, furnished. Apply J. Simpson, Pt. Washington, Pender Island, B. C. a6

FOR RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

TO RENT—12 acres, good house, 8 rooms, 6 acres broken, ready for crop this spring, good well, pump in house, 2 running streams through property, fruit trees, hen houses, barn for 4 horses, Happy Valley, main road, 11 miles from city; rent $15 per month. Douglas Mackay & Co., 38 Arcade Bldg., entrance 613 View, or 1122 Broad St. Phone 617.

HALL TO RENT for lodge purposes, centrally located. Apply R. W. Jamieson, 1220 Broad Street. a1

ONE AND TWO-ROOM OFFICES to let in Times Building. Apply at Times Office.

FOR SALE—ARTICLES

SELLING OUT—Last day, March 31st. Marconi, cycle specialist, 574 Johnson St. Show cases, cash register, safe, bicycles and sundries. Call and see me. a8

CALL AT CITY MART, 736 Fort Street, for furniture bargains. A nice selection to choose from. Phone 1433. a2

EASTER HEADGEAR for men and young men. Big variety of new shapes and colors, $2.50@$3.50; new caps in many pleasing designs, $1 to $2. Frost & Frost, Westholme Bldg., 1413 Government Street.

THE HOME CANNING PLANT helps to solve the problem of making a living on small acreage. Cans fruits, vegetables, meats and fish perfectly. The process is simple. Family size steam pressure retorts, $24. Full particulars from Alfred Carmichael, general agent, Belmont House, Victoria, B. C.

WE HAVE A FEW SUITS in grey and brown tweed to clear at $9.50. These make useful working or every day suits. Ask to see them. Frost & Frost, 1413 Government Street.

SOUTHALL, for stoves and ranges, cor. Yates and Quadra. Coils made and connected, exchanges made. Phone 4298R.

ALL BLACK SOIL and manure delivered. Phone 168

MALLEABLE and steel ranges, $5 down and $1 per week. Phone 4689. 2001 Government street.

UTICA AUTOMATIC REELS, $3.75; quadruple reels, only $1; steel rods, $2. Get in on these bargains at the Victoria Sporting Goods Co., 1010 Broad Street.

FOR SALE—Dome water heater, large wicker trunk, platform scales, at 573 Johnson. Buyers all kinds new and second-hand goods. Phone 5005.

FOR SALE—Lyon & Healy banjo, $7.50; trombone and case, $12.50; 17-jewel American Walthams, $11.75; automatic water pistols, 50c.; Henrick's magneto, $7.50; new auto tire covers, $1.50; sailors' canvas bags, 75c.; bicycles, with new tires and mudguards, $12.50; pumps, 25c.; bicycle oil lamps, 85c.; tires, outer, any make, $2.25; bicycle cement, 5c.; pedal rubbers, 50c. per set of 4; Gillette safety razors, $2.75; playing cards, 10c. a pack or 3 for 25c.; magazines, 2 for 5c. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—7 h. p. engine, $50; Evinrude motor, $50; 12 ft. rowboat, $35. Causeway Boat House. Phone 3445.

FOR SALE—Concert flute, Buffet & Crampon, Boehm system, ebonite head, perfect tone and playing condition. Box 759, Times. a14

FOR SALE—Edison diamond disc gramophone, in first-class working order, with 50 double records; first cost $250 complete. Offers invited to Box 773, Times. a3

FOR SALE—Large, modern, Hall safe. Phone 1747. a7

POTATOES for sale. W. A. Pitzer, 1812 Fairfield Road. a2

FOR SALE—1913 two-speed "Indian" motorcycle, fully equipped, first-class condition; cheap for cash. Box 838, Times. a2

BUSINESS CHANCE—Buy your Pyrene Fire Extinguisher from us and save 15 per cent. of your automobile insurance. It also protects your family at home while you are away. Douglas Mackay & Co., 38 Arcade Bldg. Phone 617.

FOR SALE—Two dump carts. Phone 519. a4

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK

PIGEONS—Carneaux pigeons for sale, first-class stock. 163 Deal Street, Oak Bay. Phone 4935L. a3

FOR SALE—One pedigreed Yorkshire boar. Can be seen at the Pacific Transfer Stables. For particulars apply Telephone 2157. a2

WANTED—TO RENT

WANTED—To rent, furnished or partly furnished house, six or seven rooms, close beach; must be modern; careful tenant. P. O. Box 667. a5

FOR SALE—LOTS

BARGAIN—Lot 5, Laurel Street, Oak Bay; lot 22, Austin Avenue, Gorge; lot 7, block 7, Shelbourne Street; low taxes; all for $630, terms. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad Street. a2

FOR SALE—Glanford Orchard lots at assessed values. Particulars, 467 Lampson Street. a20

GARDEN LOT, close in, assessed $640, $550 cash. 330 Burnside. a5

FOR SALE—HOUSES

MODERN, 9 roomed house and orchard of 2 acres bearing; garage, stable, cow house, poultry houses; nice high situation, 2 miles from centre of city. Phone 4391L. a3

HIGH-CLASS RESIDENCE FOR SALE AT A SACRIFICE—Eight rooms; living room, dining room, den, kitchen, hall, four bedrooms, large attic and basement with servants' quarters, tiled bathroom and toilet, kitchen sink and floor tiled. Contains all modern features, beamed ceiling and built-in sideboard in dining room, hall and den, panelled in selected slash grained fir, oak floors, modern garage, hot water heating. Grounds contain nearly an acre. Fine tennis lawn, full size. Orchard of 30 fruit trees. Rose garden, holly and ornamental trees. Vegetable garden, etc. Best residential district, close to Rockland Ave. House cost $16,000 to build in 1912. Ground valued at $12,000. Taxes moderate. Owner can show accounts for materials, wages, etc., for constructing this residence, which was built in 1912 by day work, amounting to $16,650. The work was carried out by one of the best builders in the city, under the supervision of a leading architect. All materials used were the best quality obtainable, and it is estimated that the cost of constructing this residence to-day, owing to the increased cost of said materials, would be at least $18,000. Estimated value of property to-day $28,000. Owner will sell for $17,500. For particulars apply to Box 7588, Times Office. a20

FOR SALE—A snap, 5 roomed house, well built, on good lot, fenced, with chicken house; good reason for selling. Apply 456 Obed Ave., Gorge. a2

FOR SALE—ACREAGE

80 ACRES choice farm land, excellent location, $1,200. Apply 212 Jones Block. a10

METCHOSIN—90 acres at $50 per acre, 10 acres cleared, some good timber, $2,000 can remain on mortgage, 6 per cent.; also 10 acres, cleared, close in, $550 per acre, $2,000 can remain on mortgage; 5 large lots, Garden City, 50x160, snap at $700. E. White & Sons, real estate, insurance, Victoria, B. C. a6

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—50 acres, unimproved, in Cowichan Valley, very central; price $1,200, half cash, balance 6 and 12 months, no interest; assessed at $2,000; will exchange for Victoria property with small house. Also 3 lots, Duncan, for $1,000, or exchange. Apply Box 7757, Daily Times Office. a3

NORTH SAANICH—18 acres of waterfront, all under cultivation. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad Street. a2

UNION BAY, SAANICH—36 acres, of which 20 acres are under cultivation, dwelling, barn, etc. Box 7748, Times. a2

SHAWNIGAN—12 acres, dwelling and chicken houses; price $1,700. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad Street. a2

SOUTH SAANICH—30 acres, of which 20 are under cultivation. Apply P. R. Brown, 1112 Broad Street. a2

FOR RENT—ACREAGE

10 ACRES cleared land, Goward Station, to rent; no buildings, A1 garden soil, 5 acres ploughed last year, 5 in meadow. R. Grubb, Mahon Building. a3

EXCHANGE

FARMS and city property for exchange. Chas. F. Eagles, 517 Sayward Block. Phone 5118.

EXCHANGE—Moose Jaw residence, value $3,000, for 6 or 7-room, modern house in Victoria; will assume reasonable mortgage. Currie & Power, 1214 Douglas St. Phone 1466. a3

WANTED—You to know we have moved to 533 Johnson Street. Canadian Junk Co. Tel. 5095.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS, 742 Burdett, central, 2 blocks from P. O. a6

516 MICHIGAN—Furnished housekeeping rooms, front. 2414R. a13

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS, 846 Courtenay Street. a11

PERSONAL

MATILDA—If you want to make Easter eggs use the following ingredients. Finest chocolate, fresh cream, butter eggs, sugar and Devonshire cream; but you will find it less trouble to buy them for 15c. at Hamsterley Farm, Public Market. Ernest. a6

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

CHINESE EMPLOYMENT AGENT—Phone 23. 2017 Douglas Street. j15

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Municipal Free Labor Bureau.

POSITION OF TRUST wanted in Victoria or vicinity by well educated Englishman, age 36, at present employed in Saskatchewan. Highly efficient all branches office work. Prepared take full control. Bookkeeper, expert stenographer. Systematizing a specialty. Highest references furnished. Family considerations motive for desire to change. Month's trial at nominal figure. Box 824, Times. a4

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

MUNICIPAL FREE LABOR BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor at once. Phone or write.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper by capable party. Address M. M., Times. a9

WANTED—AUTOMOBILES

WANTED—Ford, or other small car, in good running order. Send full particulars Box 7073, Times. a4

WANTED—Ford, or other make of car, for cash. Box 847, Times. a2

WANTED—Good Ford touring or roadster; will pay cash. Box 7746, Times. a2

NOTICE

Estate of Vincent Cleeves, Late of South Saanich, B. C., Deceased.

All persons having any claims against the estate of the late Vincent Cleeves, who was killed in action on or about the 24th April, 1915, and whose will has been proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Lindley Crease, K. C., as attorney for Frederick Cleeves, the executor therein named, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before 22nd May, 1917, after which date the said Lindley Crease, as administrator of the said estate, will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1917.

CREASE & CREASE,
410 Central Building, Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Panama Hotel, situated at 542 Johnson Street, to William A. Gatt, of the said City of Victoria.

(Signed) SIDNEY MITCHELL.
Dated the 15th day of March, 1917.

NOTABLE JUBILEE ON NORTHWEST COAST

Fifty Years Since Russia Withdrew From America; British Interests

The brief dispatch from Washington, D. C., published recently, reminded its readers that it is exactly half a century since the conclusion of the treaty between Secretary of State Seward and the Russian Ambassador which terminated Russian interest territorially on the North American continent.

The present generation, outside the historians, has forgotten how large a part Russia once played in the destinies of the Pacific northwest, and the fascinating story of a conflict between two great rival peltry companies played off in the chancelleries of London and Petrograd. The very circumstances of the acquisition of Alaska, first by priority of discovery, next by right of purchase, have participated in successive decades the various boundary and international disputes in which British Columbian interests have been jeopardized.

If the destinies of the Hudson's Bay Company on this coast were guided by so capable a man as Sir James Douglas, the Russian-American Company had in earlier years in Baronov, the founder of Sitka, a man with an equally broad spirit, anxious to establish Russian Dominion down the coast.

That the banner on the outposts of the Czar, and the flag of Aragon and Castile met near San Francisco Bay is well known, in fact in the year that saw the English-speaking peoples fighting on the Niagara peninsula, a stockaded fort was established in California by the Russian furriers. The scope of their attempt to capture the trade of the north Pacific may be appreciated when they actually made two settlements on the Hawaiian Islands, and took considerable interest in the troubled political affairs of the natives.

The voyages of Behring, and his miserable end, the exploration by Captain Cook of some of the southern inlets, and the fleeting visit of the ill-fated expedition of La Perouse were all prior to the establishment of the Nootka trading station by Captain Meares in 1788, so that the Russian territories received a full measure of attention from the famous explorers before their value for the fur trade was appreciated.

The record of the energetic development of the peltry industry under the Russian American Company during the first half of the last century is as fascinating a page for the study of the historian as that of the contests between the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company, to the latter of whose explorers British Columbia owes so much. In some way there is a singular lack of interest in this period of Pacific Northwest history. Unfortunately the pelagic sealing controversy and the Alaska boundary question have resulted in the production of gross misrepresentations, some positively mendacious, in which absurd claims have been built up from false premises, and the true story has been overclouded by a curtain of doubt and misconstruction.

Out of that cloud of uncertainty there emerge, however, some figures whose association with this coast are worthy to stand beside the great British navigators and fur traders who in successive years paved the way for settlement on this coast. The administrative ability of Baronov, the romantic trip of Resanof to Commandante Arguello at San Francisco, which has inspired both prose and poetry, and the navigations of Captain Kotzebue are among the salient beacons which light the way. Whatever great schemes Russian diplomacy had framed for control of the Northwest after the withdrawal of Spain, and Sir George Simpson seemed to think Russia was the only serious rival to British interests on the Pacific, there seems to have been a change of heart.

Senator Sumner, in his great speech on the Alaska cession, states that the matter of transfer was sounded out during the presidency of Polk, and certainly during Buchanan's time. It was not till 1867, many years after negotiations began, that the United States secured the territory.

LONGING FOR A CHILD

Young Wife Almost in Despair. Now has Beautiful Baby Girl.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought joy to many childless women by restoring them to normal health. Here is a notable case.

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In many other homes, once childless, there are now children because of the fact that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy and strong.

MANY CONTRACTS ARE PLACED IN VICTORIA

Mr. McMeans, of Agricultural Department, Well Pleased With Local Seeds

From the time of his arrival in the city until his departure on the afternoon boat yesterday for Seattle, C. A. McMeans, of Brantford, Ont., the special representative of the Seed Branch of the Federal Department of Agriculture, has been in close communication with many members of the Victoria Seed Growers' Association. He was extremely anxious to learn something of the prospects for next year.

It is satisfactory to note that notwithstanding the vast amount of territory in British Columbia covered by Mr. McMeans on this particular visit to the West for the purpose of placing contracts for seeds, the business he was able to place with Victoria growers has exceeded that of any other district in the province. During his tour of the immediate vicinity Mr. McMeans was quick to form an extremely favorable opinion relative to the possibilities in connection with seed, flower and vegetable seeds here.

He stated definitely yesterday afternoon that he would have no hesitation whatever in recommending to the full the Victoria grown seeds to the wholesale seed merchants, since he was convinced that climatic conditions here were ideal for the production of a thoroughly reliable product.

For two years' past the Victoria Seed Growers' Association has bent its energies to a stimulation of this branch of production, and the visit of Mr. McMeans, with the placing of substantial orders, testified to the value of the missionary work in this connection. Mr. McMeans declared that a great future was before the Victoria locality in the seed industry, and urged the desirability of co-operative labors in order that the district might derive the benefit it deserved.

Victoria Taxpayers

NEW ORDER RE TAXPAYMENTS

I am authorized by the City Council to accept payments by instalments or by payments from time to time, on account, of the rates and taxes due by any person, or due in respect of any parcel of land.

This authority is extended to include unpaid special assessments and special rates imposed in respect of works of local improvement as provided by Section 43 of the Local Improvement Act.

EDWIN C. SMITH,
Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B. C.

City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th March, 1917.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Diamond Necklace

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia and to me directed against the goods and chattels of Charles Vernon Clark, I have seized the equity of redemption in one Diamond Necklace, mounted on platinum and containing nine diamonds and six pearls, the largest diamond weighing 4 15-16 carats. The same can be seen on application at this office, and will offer the same for sale at public auction at my office, Law Courts, Bastion Street, Victoria, on Tuesday next, April 3, at 11 o'clock a. m. Terms of sale, cash.

F. G. RICHARDS,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 30, 1917.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as "Cookson Plumbing Company," in the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be paid to Albert Ernest Hasenfratz at 1045 Yates Street, Victoria, and Province aforesaid, and all claims against the said partnership are to be presented to the said Albert Ernest Hasenfratz, by whom the same will be settled.

Dated at Victoria this 10th day of March, 1917.

F. G. BRYNOLSON.
A. E. HASENFRATZ.

Witness: WM. J. CAVE,
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Beach Drive, 10 rooms $65
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1043 Clare St., 6 rooms $25
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1015 Pisgard St., 6 rooms $12
2717 Asquith St., 5 rooms $15
813 Broughton St., 5 rooms $15
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2003 Crescent Rd., 3 rooms $5
1850 Oak Bay Ave., 8 roomed cottage $15
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756 Roderick St., 4 rooms $7
2376 Lee Ave., 6 rooms $10
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2316 Dunlevy St., 2 rooms $7
Douglas St., 7 rooms $18
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1169 View St., 7 rooms $18
2042 Byron St., 3 rooms $5
787 Cave St., 3 rooms $5
1711 Haultain St., 4 rooms $8
749 Pembroke St., 10 rooms $15
524 Hillside Ave., 8 rooms $12.50
711 Front St., 5 rooms $7
1734 Albert St., 3 rooms $7.50
1019 Bank St., 7 rooms $15

1084 Queen's Ave., 13 rooms $30
637 Pine St., 7 rooms $7
3115 Delta St., 3 rooms $5
727 Front St., 6 rooms $8
1724 Bay St., 6 rooms $10
1866 Lee Ave., 6 rooms $15
1214 Yates St., 8 rooms $30
2223 Shakespeare St., 6 rooms ..$15
1947 Bee and Marion Sts., 7 rooms $12
Beach Drive, 8 rooms $20
1882 N. Hampshire Rd., 7 rooms..$15
1462 Fort St., 8 rooms $20
960 Heywood Ave., 7 rooms $13
721 Discovery St., 8 rooms $12
1733 King's Rd., 5 rooms $7
996 Cowichan St., 5 rooms $10
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1472 Fort St., 9 rooms $15
817 Broughton St., 5-room house.$10
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1722 Bay St., 5 rooms $10.50

STORES AND OFFICES

1510 Elford St., garage, with bedroom $5
746 Yates St., store $20
737 Broughton St., garage 39x90.$25
1062 Fort St., large garage $50
961 Cook, store and dwelling $20
905 View St., store $5
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Offices, Brown Block.

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Colwood, 10 acres, 6 roomed dwelling $15
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"How narrow-minded are those people who disagree with you." Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates Street. Our card game score tag is a winner—no pencils—no mistakes possible. One cent each. a2

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch at the Vernon Cafe for 25c.? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

OLD LAWN MOWERS made to cut better than new by Wilson's electric machine, 614 Cormorant.

FOR SALE—Bottle washer and boiler, two driving buggies, $25 and $35; fumed oak china cabinets, oak buffet. Ferris, 1419 Douglas. a3

FOR SALE—Six-room, fully modern bungalow on Cornwall Street, cement basement, furnace, etc., $2,500. The Griffith Company, Hibben-Bone Building. a2

MISS McCANDLISH, Menzies Street, is anxious to sell London newspapers of 1666 and earlier, with facsimile of Magna Charta. a3

WANTED—Collapsible go-cart, lightweight, in good condition. Apply Box 852, Times. a7

WANTED—A good driving pony; must be young and active. Ferris, 1419 Douglas. a4

TO LET—Modern, 6 roomed house, James Bay; rent $9. Phone 722R. a4

WANTED—Small, quick-acting butter churn; must be cheap. Phone 5323L. a4

12 MONTH—Good, clean, seven roomed house, has every modern convenience, close in. 1156 Mason Street, above Cook. a4

I WANT A POSITION, outdoors, used to soliciting, collecting, etc.; any offer considered. P. O. Box 130, city. m4

WANTED—To buy from private owners only, antique furniture, silverware, china, fabrics; highest cash price paid. Address, or call at once, Empress Hotel, Room 492. a3

FIR KINDLING WOOD, no chopping required, 8 large bundles $1, packed in your basement. Marlow, Phone 3303R. a2

FOR SALE—1912 5-passenger car, electric lights, fully equipped, in first-class condition. Apply Box 885, Times. a4

FOR SALE—Several very good brass beds and springs as good as new, $12.50, $16 and $27.50. S. H. J. Mason, Hillside and Quadra. Phone 3170L. a4

FAIRALL'S, LIMITED, will allow you 12 cents per dozen for your empty pint bottles. Phone 212.

ATTRACTIVE 5 roomed bungalow, comfortably furnished, furnace, garden ready for seeding, city limits, one block off Oak Bay car line; to careful tenant only. Phone 3619R. a4

LOST—Saturday morning, gold shield brooch, St. George and Dragon and motto. Reward at St. George's School, Rockland Avenue. a3

FOR SALE—Gent's bicycle, 3-speed gear, cheap. 1063 Deal Street, Oak Bay. Phone 4935L. a7

LOST—Black silk bag containing green purse and eyeglasses, between James Bay and Christ Church. Telephone 1842R. a4

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN and schoolgirl wishes situation as housekeeper for Christian people who serves God first. W. E., Colquitz P. O. a4

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FIR CORDWOOD (stove blocks), $3 cord. Marlow, Phone 3303R. a2

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MEET ME between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at my new store, 740 Yates. Ruffle, the cycle man. a2

TO RENT—Six roomed house on Midgard Street, off Polo Alto Drive, Mount Tolmie, first house on right, hen run, stable and garden. a4

MEET ME between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at my new store, 740 Yates. Ruffle, the cycle man. a2

FOR SALE—Contents 3 roomed house, including Canada Pride range; also good young milch cow (fresh). Apply 236 Crease Avenue, Parkdale. a4

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CEVROLET, 5-passenger car, excellent condition. Apply 706 Yates Street. a4

FOR RENT—Garage on Mears Street, between Cook and Linden Avenue. Phone 3952L. a4

OVERLAND CAR for sale cheap, electric light and starter, high tension magneto. Phone 4407R. a4

CALL IN and inspect my new bicycles from $35 up. Ruffle, 746 Yates. a2

CEDAR stove or kindling wood, $3.25 per cord. Marlow, Phone 3303R. a2

LOST—Sunday night, in Oak Bay, round skunk fur muff. Return to 1289 Hampshire Road. Finder rewarded. a4

WANTED—To purchase for cash, late model roadster motor car. Address P. O. Box 423, city. a2

FOR SALE—About 40 loads black loam, James Bay. Apply Box 903, Times, or Phone 1788R3. a4

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PURPLE STAR LODGE, 104, invite all L. O. B. A. and L. O. L. Lodges and their friends on Wednesday, April 5, at 8.30, to meet the P. G. M. Sister Tulk. Members bring refreshments. a2

WANTED—Girl for Parkdale Bakery Store. a4

TO LET—Furnished, two large housekeeping rooms, $10. 1418 Fernwood Road, off Fort. a7

BICYCLES, BICYCLES, BICYCLES—This is bicycle week and we are prepared to show you our splendid line of 1917 models at rock bottom prices. Call and see us. Plimley's Cycle Store, 611 View St. a2

LODGE BRITANNIA, 216, L. O. B. A., meets Tuesday, 7.30, K. P. Hall. Sister lodges invited. Social in honor of Sister Tulk, Past Grand Mistress of British America. All members of L. O. L. and friends cordially invited 9.15. a2

BORN

DEACON—On the 2nd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. T. Deacon, 1041 Southgate Street, a son.

BOOTH—On 1st inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, the wife of C. W. Booth, Dawson, Y. T., of a daughter.

HUGHES—On 1st inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes, 902 Heywood Avenue, a daughter.

DIED.

HEASLIP—On March 27, 1917, at St. Joseph's Hospital, George Heaslip, of Luxton, B. C., aged 49 years; born at Bailieboro, Ontario.

The remains are reposing at the B. C. Funeral Chapel, 734 Broughton Street. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

WARD—On the 29th inst., at the Aged Woman's Home, Mrs. Elizabeth Ward, aged 73 years, born in London, England, and a resident of this city for many years. The deceased is survived by relatives in Brandon, Man.

The funeral will take place Tuesday, April 3, at 1.45 o'clock, from the Sands' Funeral Chapel; fifteen minutes later services will be held at Christ Church Cathedral, where the Rev. Mr. Knight will officiate. Interment Ross Bay Cemetery.

HUGHES—On 1st inst., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hughes, 902 Heywood Avenue.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Alfred Hood and family, of 653 Battery Street, desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement, and also for the many beautiful floral tributes sent.

M'BRIDE KNEW OF ILLEGAL PAYMENTS

George Fraser's Brother-in-Law Gets Interest in Contract Without Reason

SIDE ISSUE OPENS UP POLITICAL AVENUES

Sir Richard Grunted When Chief Engineer Pointed Out the Disregard of Law

Legislative Press Gallery, April 2.

From the evidence of Chief Engineer Gamble, of the Department of Railways, this morning it is quite clear that Sir Richard McBride knew of the illegal over-payment of moneys to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company long before the war. Mr. Gamble drew the attention of the Government to the over-payment and had private conversations with Sir Richard on the subject, but he could not recall the latter's side of the conversation beyond a grunt and a request for a statement showing the situation.

Another matter which was brought out from Mr. Gamble was that at the time the contract with the P.G.E. was being made the Government took the estimate of final cost which the contractor-promoters furnished and gave this to the public. His own estimate then produced a maximum approximating his estimate to-day, $28,000,000, but at no point did the Government ask him for any advice or consult him about any figures.

The late Minister of Railways, Thomas Taylor, by the way, was shown to have been entirely a rubber stamp in this matter, the leaders of the Government taking full charge of the situation.

Will Investigate Further.

Just before adjournment for lunch it came out that George A. Fraser, the Government Street druggist, and a man whose name has been frequently associated with the payment out of Government moneys, had a one-third interest in a contract let by P. Welch given to a brother-in-law, J. Farrell.

There was no consideration or reason why Farrell should have had this, and the committee will investigate further into what constitutes a suspicious set of circumstances. The information came somewhat accidentally while one of Sir Richard McBride's letter-files was being looked through. Now there will be a closer search made of all his files.

The Evidence.

Francis C. Gamble, C. E., Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways since the creation of the department and in the public service of the Province for over twenty years, stated that he had nothing whatever to do with either the contract with P. Welch or between Foley, Welch & Stewart and the Government; he had been asked for no advice concerning the making of the contracts and asked for none, he had nothing to do with the prices fixed and was not asked to fix them or to give any advice respecting them.

S. S. Taylor, K. C.—"You assume no responsibility in the matter at all?"

"None."

"When did you know what the prices were?"

"At the end of 1912, after I had asked Mr. Tate for them."

Mr. Gamble said he had no more to do with the matter after the passage of the Loan Act a year ago, when J. H. Kennedy was appointed as engineer in supervision of the work on behalf of the Government.

Mr. Taylor—"How did you interpret the provision as to proportionate payments?"

"The interpretation was left to the Government."

"How left to the Government?"

"I was not acting as agent for the Minister of Finance. I passed on the monthly estimates, as an officer of the Department of Railways, and it was up to the Minister of Finance to say whether it should be paid. It was up to him, if he did not think it ought to have been paid, to have referred it back to me."

"But you brought this very incongruous condition to special attention?"

"I brought it to the attention of Sir Richard McBride very clearly."

Thought They Knew.

"In a report to the Minister of Railways and the Minister of Finance you went to the trouble to point out this matter, and said these proportions were not being observed?"

"It was not done before because I thought they knew what they were about. I had nothing to do with the interpretation of the Act until it became a matter which I thought should receive attention."

"At what stage did you think it needed attention?"

"About certificates 25 and 26."

"What did you write Sir Richard?"

"I wrote him that the proportion was being exceeded and I also had a private conversation with him, when he sent for me."

"What did you tell him at this private conversation?"

"That they were over-paying the P. G. E. in accordance with this section."

"What did McBride do?"

"McBride was silent."

"He said nothing?"

"Said nothing."

"What did you do as a result?"

"I made out a statement showing the over-payment according to that section."

"Did he request that statement?"

"Yes."

"Then he did say something?"

"He asked me to make up that statement but that is all he said."

Altered Certificate.

"I don't want to have to corkscrew the information out of you, Mr. Gamble, but I want you to tell me what Sir Richard said when you told him that they were overpaying the P. G. E."

"He didn't say anything beyond asking for this statement. I altered my form of certificate on the estimates after this."

"Why didn't you demand instructions?"

"It was not for me, an official, to demand instructions. I supposed they knew what they were doing, and if they had any instructions they would give them to me."

"How do you know the Premier knew all the facts in this connection?"

"It is a matter of inference."

"When you make a serious statement against Sir Richard McBride such as that he knew the whole situation you should be able to back it up."

"He was perfectly familiar with the whole railway situation."

"And with the lack of proportion in payments?"

"I presume so."

McBride Worried.

At another conversation which the witness had with Sir Richard on the same subject the Premier simply said "um" when told of the over-payment. "I think he was very much worried about the railway," added Mr. Gamble. To further questioning the witness dropped first "very" and then "much," and later altered the sentence to "looked worried," explaining that he could not read Sir Richard's mind and could only assume that he was worried, just as he thought counsel was worried.

"I am worried about your answers," said Mr. Taylor. "If you will tell us how you came to think that Sir Richard McBride was worried it will be more to the point than trying to get your sentence straightened out."

"Mr. Taylor is not worried but worrying," remarked H. A. Maclean.

Mr. Taylor—"Sir Richard's answer was a grunt?"

"I did not say grunt."

"Well, if you can spell what he said we will get it down. A gentleman in the public service, as you are, gets into the habit of saying nothing, a very commendable thing, but unfortunately we have to go into this matter and you have to loosen up."

"Is that an insinuation that I am not telling things truthfully?"

"No, but you will have to get your mental attitude changed."

"My mental attitude is to do my duty. You are going a little too far."

"What did Sir Richard McBride communicate that showed he was worrying, or do you refuse to answer?"

"I refuse."

"Can you answer or will you not?"

"I cannot. I leave it to any man who knows the human mind that you can tell when a person is worrying. I was never in the confidence of McBride or the Government. It would be strange if any employee thrust himself on the Government."

"Well, that may answer the question. What did Sir Richard say about this road?"

"That it would be a pity not to finish it as early as possible, and I agreed with him so far as engineering was concerned."

Was in Control.

"It is strange that up to this you have not said a word about consulting with the Minister of Railways, Mr. Taylor?"

"That is right, none whatever."

"How is it you talked to Sir Richard and not to the Minister of Railways?"

"Because Sir Richard seemed the one in control of the whole situation."

Mr. Gamble said he was the whole department, and had to look after the P.G.E., C.N.P., Kettle Valley, Westminster bridge and all the office routine, and when Mr. Taylor suggested that this bore out his point—that it was absolutely ridiculous to expect the Government to get any sort of protection by loading him up like that—he replied that no man could do it, but all the same he did pretty good work.

Chairman Farris—"Was there any suggestion that this section in question was a hopeless jumble of words?"

"None."

"You had no difficulty in putting an interpretation on it?"

"None whatever."

"What was your interpretation?"

"That you would have to take into consideration plant and supplies furnished, but the company were not furnishing these; it was Welch; therefore you can hardly give them a fair proportion."

"But what is your interpretation?"

"I simply took the total value of the work done, divided by the estimated final cost, which would give a percentage; then you multiply the proceeds of the bonds by that percentage which will give the proper sum which should be paid out."

"Was there any other interpretation ever given you by anyone?"

"None whatever."

"And in discussion with ministers, was any other interpretation ever suggested to you?"

"Never."

"That was common ground, so far as you know?"

"Common ground."

"And when you told them the section was being violated did anybody dispute your position in regard to that?"

"Never."

"It was never challenged; only ignored?"

"Never challenged."

"Only ignored?"

"That is your way to put it."

Mr. Gamble said he had made eighty-five trips of inspection between September, 1912, and February, 1917. He took the engineer's estimates, just as the Dominion did with the G.T.P., following the same practice.

"Every time we come to an awkward place we have the G.T.P. cast at us," remarked Mr. Taylor. "You know that the Chief Engineer of Government Railways of the Dominion had engineers on every mile of that road from start to finish, but here the Government had no representative on the line."

Why the Difference?

H. C. Hall caught Mr. Gamble up on a statement that he had represented the engineering necessity for completing the road, owing to depreciation of grade, and asked why he had not made similar representations regarding the Island section of the C.N.P.; why the favored treatment for the P.G.E.?

Mr. Gamble said the case was not the same, the question had never come up. Anyway, he had walked over part of the grade and found it was not depreciating to any extent; there was not the same friability of soil as along the P.G.E.

Lack of Friability.

"There was something more than the soil that was friable in the P.G.E. case," Chairman Farris remarked.

"A lack of friability is what the P.G.E. officials alleged about the soil," said Mr. Taylor. "According to them it was mostly solid rock, or hard pan or indurated clay."

In reply to F. W. Anderson the witness said he had originally estimated the cost of the road at from twenty-two to twenty-eight million dollars, but he did not supply this to the Government. The Government took its figures of what the cost was to be from the P. G. E.

That Bread Line.

Mr. Tate was recalled and questioned about representations made regarding the bread line in Vancouver in the spring of 1914. A letter signed with his name, he informed the committee, was sent by Mr. Thomas, secretary of the company, as he himself was in the Old Country at the time, and as a matter of fact was ill during the whole year. He was asked to explain his letter and telegram of October 25 and 26, 1915, which are absolutely contradictory. The letter, stating that the company was ready to furnish money, was based on J. W. Stewart's expectation of a Dominion subsidy. The telegram, threatening the release of 6,000 hungry and penniless men if money is not forthcoming at once from the Government, was sent because Welch, then in the east, was wiring White to shut down work.

R. W. MacIntyre, C. E., gave formal evidence of a visit the Minister of Railways and he paid to Chief Engineer Callaghan's office in February.

Geo. Fraser's Interest.

From one of Sir Richard McBride's letter-files which had been sent for to get the original of a letter from Mr. Tate, Mr. Taylor dug up one of May 9, 1913, from Mr. Tate to the then Premier and attached to it a copy of one from the latter to "George A. Fraser, Empress Drug Store, Seattle." Mr. Tate, "referring to our previous exchange of letters relating to Mr. J. Farrell," states that Welch advises him that he is allowing Farrell a one-third interest in the contract let to Patla Brothers. Addressing the Victoria druggist at the Seattle store, Sir Richard writes this note:

"My dear George, I am just in receipt of a message from P. G. E. to the effect that your brother-in-law has a one-third interest in the contract awarded to Patla Brothers. I trust this will be satisfactory."

Asked if he knew if this money was for political funds, Mr. Tate replied that he could not say.

The committee resumes to-night.

INSPECTOR GRAHAM RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

Head of Mining Inspectorate of Province Entering Service of Local Company

Thomas Graham, chief inspector of mines for the Province, has resigned his office in order to take a lucrative appointment with one of the mining companies on Vancouver Island.

Mr. Graham has been a most efficient official in the five years that he has been in the service, and he will be greatly missed in the department. His resignation takes effect on Thursday next.

A native of Scotland, Mr. Graham has had wide experience in the Old Country, in Montana, in Alberta and in this Province. For several years he was superintendent of No. 1 mine of the Western Fuel Company at Nanaimo. He became Chief Inspector of the Department of Mines on January 1, 1912, and since that date has entirely reorganized the inspection of mines in the Province.

The mine rescue work has been initiated under his direction, and he has taken a great deal of interest in the development of this. Mr. Graham is a prominent member of several mining institutes, and in 1914 he was elected as third vice-president of the Mine Inspectors' Institute of the United States of America.

GULF ISLAND SERVICE

Motor Launch Will Be Employed for Transit Between the Islands; Otter Finishes.

Incidental to the many attempts made by various bodies, including the Victoria Board of Trade, to secure the carrying on of the Gulf Islands Mail Service in a thoroughly seaworthy boat, Secretary Elworthy wrote to J. O. McLeod, the Inspector of Railway Postal Services, on the matter. He has replied to the effect that he was momentarily expecting advices that the mails would henceforward be carried by motor launch between the islands.

The Otter finished her service in this connection on Saturday last and until other arrangements are completed there is no service. It is understood that the contract has been let and an inquiry at the office of the post office inspector this morning, elicited the information that prospects were hopeful for to-morrow, although no definite details were obtainable.

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Personal

Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green went over to Vancouver last week to play at the University Glee Club Concert in aid of the Red Cross on Friday night. Professor Howard Russell conducted the chorus and the orchestra, and Mrs. Coulthard was one vocalist for the evening, contributing a group of songs by William Dichmont, a returned soldier now living in Vancouver who has written a number of lovely things. The other vocalist was Frank Brenchley, a young singer of gifts. "Chopin" in diverse mood, the sunny, soaring joyousness of the A Flat Impromptu, the showy grace of the black-key etude, the festive glitter of the brilliant "Military" Polonaise, found Mrs. Gertrude Huntley Green an able interpreter whose finely developed technique met the exacting filigree work of the arabesques of lovely sound. . . . List found in her an ideal exponent. The audience heard the players beautifully gauged command of rhythmic interplay and gamut of tone gradation in the traditional interpretation of the Beethoven Turkish march as a passing cavalcade advancing and receding into the distance," says the Daily News-Advertiser in comment on Mrs. Green's pianoforte numbers.

LOCAL NEWS

Demand Phoenix Stout. Home product.

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Raffle for Doll and Carriage given by Millicent Umbach in aid of Patriotic Society, will be drawn on Thursday, April 5, at 2 o'clock. Rooms Patriotic Rooms.

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Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for $5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

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Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

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Citizens' Educational League.—All are invited to hear the Rev. W. Stephenson at the Victoria Club at 8.15 p. m., Tuesday evening. Subject: "Women's New Charter of Freedom and Some Needed Reforms."

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Come to the Metropolitan Church on Tuesday evening and hear Rev. R. B. Bingham, of Toronto, lecture on "Salvation and Savagery in the Soudan." This lecture will be illustrated by pictures taken last year by Mr. Bingham, while on a trip through Africa. Collection.

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War Trophies.—This who have not already called for their war trophies which were on exhibition last week, are asked to phone 3537.

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Friendly Help.—The Friendly Help Association will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow morning at 10.30, in the rooms (upstairs) in the Market building.

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Ex-Minister Retires.—The Minister of Agriculture in the late Government, William Manson, who continued superintendent of the Agricultural Credits Commission till last Saturday, has now retired from office, having acted since its inception without salary.

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Private Bills Committee.—In the private bills committee to-day the Vancouver City Council had their side of a quarrel with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The city desires to be given power to produce light and power to an unlimited extent and enter into competition with the company, which will be heard to-morrow, through Gen. Man. Kidd and other officials, with F. J. Stacpoole, K. C., as counsel.

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Will Finish To-day.—L. G. McPhillips, K. C., counsel for the defendants in the action between the Vancouver Portland Cement Company and the Maritime Insurance Company, addressed the jury for one hour this morning. At the time of going to press E. C. Mayers is completing his case to the jury for the plaintiff. It is expected that the jury will return their verdict this afternoon. The sum of $60,000 is involved in a claim on an insurance policy for the loss of the ship Leona.

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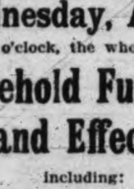
Game Birds Gone.—With the coming of spring those interested in the game birds have been making investigations to ascertain the exact result of the depredations of the horned owls that have infested the country during the winter. The Uplands seems to have been practically cleared of the birds. Only two or three pheasants remain there and those are seldom seen. Quail, too, are comparatively scarce, and the opinion is prevalent that it will take several years for the birds to recover. The owls have been here up to within the last few weeks, and even yet it is claimed a few remain.



Funeral Notice

The Officers and Members of Court Camosun, No. 9233, A. O. F., are requested to meet at A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street, on Tuesday at 2 p. m., to attend the funeral of our late Bro., H. Nugent Short. All sojourning Foresters are invited to be present.

By order of the Chief Ranger.
T. W. C. HAWKINS,
Secretary.

SHORT NOTICE SALE

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On view the morning of sale. Take the Fowl Bay car to Collison Street.

The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

POUND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 9th day of April, 1917, at the City Pound, Chambers Street, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell at public auction the following animal, viz., one bay gelding, with white star on forehead and little white on both hind feet, unless the said animal is redeemed and the pound charges paid at, or before, the time of sale.

H. ATKINSON,
Pound Keeper.

Victoria, B. C., March 31, 1917.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT.

SEWER ASSESSMENTS, 1917

Notice is hereby given that the Sewer Assessment Roll for the year 1917 has been filed at the Treasurer's Office, Esquimalt, and may there be inspected. Any person dissatisfied with his assessment as shown on the Roll may file a petition against such assessment with the undersigned not later than May 1, 1917. Petitions will be considered and determined by the Council at the Municipal Hall on Wednesday, May 2, 1917, at 10 a. m.

Esquimalt, B. C., March 30, 1917.

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SOMME DEPARTMENT CLEARED OF GERMANS

When St. Quentin Taken There Will Be Breach in Hindenburg Line

War Correspondents' Headquarters on the British front in France, April 1. (via London, April 2.)—Twelve villages, or rather the soil upon which their ruins lie, have been given back to France by the British troops after a week-end advance, and the whole Department of the Somme has now been cleared of invaders. A year ago that would have seemed an almost miraculous achievement, but now, by the German abandonment of their old trench positions under the compulsion of great gunfire, this rapid movement is no longer astonishing.

Apart from advanced posts of cavalry scouts and infantry detachments holding villages until the pressure of British troops or guns becomes too perilous, the main German strength is now on the Hindenburg line, to which the British have drawn very close through the capture of Savy at dawn to-day. This place is about four miles from St. Quentin. From the high ground this side of the wood of Savy the spires of St. Quentin Cathedral are visible, pointing up from the hollow in which the town lies hidden. Down in that hollow, dirty work has been done by the Germans, spoiling the beauty of this fine old mediaeval city.

Treasures Stolen.

Under German rule St. Quentin was a place of luxury and license for German officers behind the battle line until a month or two ago, when they were sent away. Then began a series of explosions and fires, and part at least of St. Quentin is a ruin, like all the smaller ruins in its neighborhood. Its houses, its museums and its picture galleries have been looted of all their treasures. The outer bastion of the Hindenburg, or Siegfried line, is swathed about with barbed wire and protected by barricades of tree trunks. The "Siegfried Division," which holds the new German lines of defence, is working hard to complete it, building concrete emplacements, timbering dug-outs and trenches, and filling up the gaps which still exist here and there.

At Savy this morning the Germans were badly caught. They held the place with a garrison of 600 Prussians of the 29th "Siegfried Division." The British guns approached before the enemy expected them, and, although the British did not open a regular bombardment, but only shelled the place with registration shots, heavy casualties were inflicted. Fifty dead Germans lie among the ruins to-day and 50 prisoners were caught by the sudden dash forward of the British. The rest got away with their wounded.

St. Quentin is now threatened by British troops on the western side and by French troops coming from the south. When taken it will make a breach in the Hindenburg line, which now confronts the Allies with fixed positions like those which stood upon the Somme front and fell.

WOULD CONTINUE WORK.

London, April 2.—Grand Duchess Elizabeth has telegraphed to the Russian Premier, Prince Lvoff, announcing that she recognizes the Provisional Government and asking that she be allowed to continue her philanthropic work in Moscow, where she is the abbess of a convent, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd to-day. The Grand Duchess adds that her severance with the court was due to the Rasputin scandal.

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TO SEND BROADCAST MR. WILSON'S ADDRESS

Copies to All Foreign Embassies and Legations at Washington

Washington, April 2.—President Wilson's address to Congress will be sent at once to all the foreign embassies and legations here, and will be telegraphed to all the American diplomats abroad. It was acknowledged to-day that foreign governments, on receipts of it, may interpret it as they think best, even to assume that it so closely approximates recognition of a state of war as to necessitate the issuance of neutrality proclamations. Whether such a step will be taken by any neutral power prior to formal action by Congress is unknown here.

At the opening of the House of Representatives to-day the chaplain included in his prayer a plea for patriotism.

"Diplomacy has failed," he prayed. "Moral suasion has failed. Appeals to reason and justice have been swept aside."

"We abhor war and love peace, but if war has been or shall be forced upon us, we pray that the heart of every American citizen may throb with patriotic feeling and that a united people may rally around our President to uphold his hand in every measure deemed necessary to protect the lives of American citizens and safeguard our inheritance."

In Senate.

Nearly the entire Senate membership was present when Vice-President Marshal called for order and, after the invocation, the President's proclamation calling for the extraordinary session was read.

In the Senate the chaplain also referred to the problems confronting Congress.

"Amid the confusion and violence of the world to-day we can not know the things that may shortly come to pass," he prayed. "Lead us, O God, through the darkness until the day dawns and shadows flee away. Grant us courage to defend the truth. At this critical time in the history of our country, lead these, Thy servants, in a plain path and inspire them with lofty principles."

Senator Johnson, of California, was sworn in.

The Senate, after being in session about ten minutes, recessed to await organization of the House.

Before going to Congress, the President did not take even members of his Cabinet into his confidence on the exact terms of his address. From information he had called for and general discussions at Cabinet meetings, they knew, however, that he had concluded that war with Germany seems inevitable.

CONSIDER COAL QUESTION IN EASTERN CANADA

Ottawa, April 2.—With a view to devising means for increasing the coal output a conference was held this forenoon between Sir George Foster, Acting Prime Minister, Sir Edward Kemp, Sir Thomas White and Sir Henry Drayton, representing the Government, and representatives of the mine operators of Nova Scotia. The operators held a conference among themselves this afternoon and will submit suggestions to Sir George Foster tomorrow afternoon.

It was pointed out that in ordinary years the Nova Scotia mines have shipped to St. Lowrence districts 2,000,000 tons of coal annually. Owing, however, to the increased industrial demand, transportation difficulties and labor shortage, unless some drastic action is taken this year's contribution to these districts will not exceed 250,000 tons. Unless some means be found of increasing the output the shortage will have to be made up from the United States.

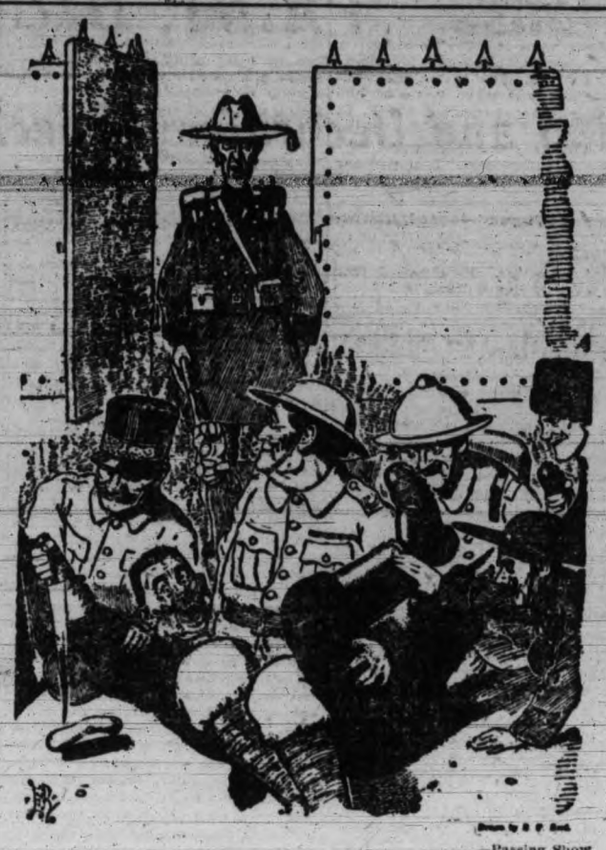
Owing to present conditions across the border and in view of future contingencies which may arise, it is felt to be necessary to secure as much coal as possible in Canada.

REMAIN AT WORK.

Fernie, April 2.—The Gladstone local miners' union at a largely attended mass meeting here last night decided to accept the non-suspension policy advised by the district officers and remain at work pending negotiations with the operators, provided no advantage is taken of the situation to prolong negotiations unnecessarily. Reports from other camps indicate similar action.

Haynes Repairs Jewelry satisfactorily and reasonably.

THE ELEVENTH HOUR RECRUIT



—Passing Show.

PRESIDENT WILSON: "Say, boys, here I am. Now what can I do to help?"

JOHN BULL: "Well, Woodrow, we are holding the gentleman at all points, but you can help me sit on his bread-basket, though he is already feeling the pressure pretty severely!"

ST. QUENTIN WILL BE IMPORTANT GAIN

Great Railway Centre and Converging Point of Several Roads

London, April 2.—The Times, in an editorial, says:

"British troops advanced yesterday afternoon to a point a little more than two miles from the outlying streets of the city of St. Quentin. The British are nearer St. Quentin than the French, who are held up rather less than four miles south.

"Two weeks ago St. Quentin and Laon seemed very distant goals, but now there is strong hope that both places will soon pass into possession of the Allies. The impression is reviving that the enemy will make desperate resistance before St. Quentin is given up. This belief finds confirmation in the stories of fires which are noticed within the city. Even if found in ashes, the capture of St. Quentin would be an event of the highest importance, for this great railway centre is also a point at which several main roads converge.

"Wherever the ultimate Hindenburg line may be, if there is really such a line, we are still engaged in mobile operations along the whole front from which the Germans are retreating."

RUSSIANS APPROACHING MESOPOTAMIAN BORDER

Petrograd, April 2.—Russian troops moving westward from Kerind, in Persia, are approaching the Mesopotamian border near Khanikin, continuing to drive the Turks before them, a War Office statement indicates. Two additional towns have been occupied by this column.

The more northerly column, which already has crossed the Mesopotamian border south of Baneh, has held its newly-won ground there, breaking up a Turkish offensive movement.

RAILWAY COMMISSION WILL HEAR PROTESTS

Ottawa, April 2.—The Board of Railway Commissioners will hold special sessions to hear protests against the new classification of rates in lake and rail by the Canadian railways. Sittings will be held at Hamilton on April 12, at Toronto on April 13, at Ottawa on April 17, and at Montreal on April 18. Objection has been taken to the new rates by the Montreal Board of Trade, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and other bodies.

GERMAN CHEMISTS HAVE BRAND NEW SUBSTITUTE

Berlin, April 2.—German chemists have discovered a method for making a flour substitute out of linden and beech buds. They claim that the substitute has the nutritive value of barley flour, with four times its fat properties.

STEAMER RELEASED.

Evansville, Ind., April 2.—The excursion steamer St. Paul, with more than 1,200 passengers on board, which went aground in the Ohio River last night about midnight three miles below here on the Kentucky side, was released at 5:30 this morning. The passengers and crew are all reported safe.

SONS OF LEMIEUX AND HON. C. MURPHY OFFER TO SERVE

Ottawa, April 2.—Word has been received here from Quebec that volunteers for the 218th Battalion, which is being recruited by Lieut.-Col. the Hon. P. E. Blondin, Postmaster-General, include a son of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and a nephew of Hon. Chas. Murphy. They have just finished their qualifying courses at Quebec. They have offered to join Lieut.-Col. Blondin's Battalion and doubtless they will be accepted.

Lieut.-Col. Blondin left for Montreal this morning and from now on will devote his time to recruiting.

ALMOST AN OFFER OF PEACE, DECLARES BERLIN VORWAERTS

London, April 2.—The recent press interview granted by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, in which he declared that the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference still held good, is considered by the Berlin Socialist newspaper Vorwaerts as "almost a peace offer," says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam to-day. The paper, it is added, believes that the impending visit to the United States of the American Ambassador at Vienna, Frederick C. Penfield, is not altogether unconnected with Count Czernin's statement.

NEW HIGH LEVEL SET BY CUSTOMS RETURNS IN THIS DOMINION

Ottawa, April 2.—The customs returns for the fiscal year which closed on Saturday constitute a new record. For the twelve months they totalled $145,947,107, as compared with $102,609,617 last year, an increase of $43,337,490. The collections for the month of March were the highest for any single month since Confederation, totalling $15,209,115. For March, 1916, the collections were $10,663,236.

AMERICAN PEOPLE URGED TO PREPARE FOR LOANS

New York, April 2.—"In view of much that has been said of the ability of banks to take great government loans," said a statement issued to-day by the National City Bank, "it is well to emphasize the fact it is far more desirable to have the loans taken by private parties. If the banks should create new credits the effect would be to inflate the situation and increase the reserve requirements. Moreover the bank situation should be kept free and strong to deal with the business situation.

"However the loans are offered they will come thick and fast and the American public should be prepared to take them as a patriotic service. Saving for the loans should be in order here as it has been abroad."

GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, April 2.—Russian forces, after strong artillery preparation yesterday, launched an offensive along a breadth of more than four miles against the German positions on the Roumanian frontier heights on both sides of the Oituz valley, but were repulsed, says an official statement issued here to-day.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS.

Yalta, The Crimea, April 2.—The Grand Duke Nicholas has arrived at his estate at Alupka, near here. He was accompanied by two government commissioners.

SOUTH IS READY TO FIGHT GERMANY

So Says Taft After Touring That Part of United States

New York, April 2.—William Howard Taft, returning to New York to-day after what he said was the longest and most strenuous journey he has taken since he left the White House, asserted that the people of the South and Southwest are ready for war and that the United States must enter the conflict "wholeheartedly."

Mr. Taft spoke in eleven cities in nine States from Virginia to Missouri in behalf of the programme of the League to Enforce Peace, and urged the necessity of preparation for war.

"Unless the war should continue a year longer, an American army can not be placed in the trenches of Europe," the former President said, "but the Government can aid with food supplies, money and credit, and with the navy in suppressing the German submarines.

"The South and Southwest is ready for the conflict with Germany," he said. "This great section of the country, part of which was deeded to Mexico by Foreign Secretary Zimmermann, has not an ounce of anti-war spirit. Neither is there any rampant jingoism. The people of the South and Southwest feel that war is inevitable, and they are willing to go into it to demand our rights. In fact they do not want to stay out any longer and they feel that their battles are being fought by somebody else."

GERMAN SOCIALISTS IN AUSTRIA SEND WORD TO RUSSIANS

Copenhagen, April 2.—A copy of a Socialist newspaper of Vienna received here contains an announcement that leaders of the German Socialist Party in Austria have adopted a declaration regarding peace. It is addressed to the Russian proletariat and will be forwarded through the International Socialist Bureau.

The announcement says that the censor prohibits the publication of its text.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, April 2.—Wheat closed 2½c. up for May and ¾ up for July and October. Oats gained 1 in May, ¾ in July and October. Barley was up 1¼. Flax gained 1¾ to 2¼. A strong market developed from the weak opening on the damage reports from the south. The trade had no great breadth of tone, being a scalping business, and some spreading took prices higher in sympathy with the strong southern markets. Some little amounts of wheat were taken off the market, but the trade was largely professional. Seaboard advices told of no great demand for wheat, though the United States Government was credited with buying some Manitoba No. 3. The cash demand was fair, with spreads unchanged, except No. 1, for which ¼c. was bid and ½ better asked for round lots. The Government interest continued to take all grades from No. 5 down. Oats, barley and flax were in fair demand at unchanged prices. Offerings were very light, especially in the first grade of wheat.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
May	189¾-190	192¾
July	187-187¼	190¾
Oct.	156¼	157¾
Oats—		
May	64¼	65¾
July	64¼	64¾
Oct.	58¼	58
Barley—		
May	109¼	111¼
Flax—		
May	271	282¾
July	275	275¾

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 194¾; 2 Nor., 190¾; 3 Nor., 184¾; No. 4, 175¾; No. 5, 155¾; No. 6, 125¾; feed, 103.

Oats—2 C. W., 65¾; 3 C. W., 63¾; extra 1 feed, 63¾; 1 feed, 63¾; 2 feed, 62¾.

Barley—No. 3, 110; No. 4, 100; rejected, 87; feed, 87.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 289¾; 2 C. W., 265.

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CHICAGO WHEAT AND CORN SCORE NEW HIGH LEVELS

Chicago, April 2.—The wheat market opened with advanced prices, especially in May, which opened with a spread of 198-195¼. Rumors on the floor that the German submarines had been recalled, which have not been confirmed, gave the market strength, advancing May to 199¾ and July to 168¾, after which the market reacted nearly two points, sending May down to 197¾. However, at the close May came back with a rush, closing at its high of 199¾, establishing a new high level.

Corn also opened with increased prices and advanced rapidly to 121¾, and after a slight reaction came back strong at the close, May closing at its highest for the day at 122¼, a new high. Oats was strong, closing a point above its opening. It will be a holiday on the Chicago Exchange to-morrow.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May	198 @195¼	199¾	195¼	199¾
July	165¾@164¾	168¾	164¾	167¾
Sept.	151¼@151¼	155	151¼	154¾
Corn—				
May	119¼@118¼	122¼	118¾	122¼
July	118 @117¼	120¾	117¼	120¾
Sept.	115	118¼	115¼	118¼
Oats—				
May	62¾@ 62¼	64¼	62¼	63¾
July	59¾	60	59	59¾
Sept.	53¾@ 53¼	54	53¼	53¾
Minneapolis.				
Wheat—				
May	193 @192¾	195¾	192¾	195
July	185¼	188¼	184¾	188
Sept.	154¼	156¾	154¼	156

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By Wise & Co.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	17.70	18.12	17.70	18.10-12
May	18.72	19.17	18.72	19.16-17
July	18.53	18.90	18.53	18.89-90
Oct.	17.62	18.06	17.62	18.01-02
Dec.	17.74	18.09	17.74	18.08-09

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)

Montreal, April 2.—The local market started very quiet this forenoon and continued so until the afternoon session, when the steel issues led in a buying movement which found the market bare of offerings. The decided betterment in Wall Street started the buying here. In the less active issues Riordon was a conspicuous feature, gaining almost five points. The close was very strong all around and higher values are confidently expected in the immediate future.

	High.	Low.	Last
Ames Holden	..	..	17 B
Do., pref.	..	..	63 A
Bell Telephone	..	..	136 B
Brazilian Traction	..	..	42¼B
C. P. R.	..	..	165 B
Can. Cement, com.	..	..	64 A
Do., pref.	93¼	93¼	93¼
Can. Car Fdy., com.	21	20¾	21
Do., pref.	74	73	74
Can. S. S., com.	39	39	39
Do., pref.	85	81	84¾
Can. Locomotive	..	..	55 A
Can. Cottons	..	..	52 A
Can. Gen. Elec.	..	..	111 A
Civic Inv. & Ind.	81¼	81	81
Cons. M. & S.	31¼	31¼	31¼
Detroit United	116	114¾	116
Dom. Bridge	134¼	133¾	134¼
Dom. I. & S.	65¼	63¾	65¼
Dom. Textile	..	..	87 B
Lake of Woods Milling	..	..	125¾B
Laurentide Co.	..	..	187 A
Laurentide Power	..	..	55 A
Lyall Constn. Co.	..	..	77 A
Maple Leaf Milling	112	112	112
Montreal Tram.	..	..	37 B
Montreal Cotton	..	..	54 B
MacDonald Co.	13	13	13
Mackay Co.	85¼	85¼	85¼
N. S. Steel, com.	100	98¾	100
Do., pref.	..	..	110 A
Ont. Steel Prods.	20	20	20
Ogilvie Milling Co.	..	..	136 B
Ottawa Power	..	..	83¼A
Penmans, Ltd.	72	72	72
Quebec Railway	27¼	27¼	27¼
Riordon Paper	126	123	125¾
Sawinigan	123¼	122	122¼
Spanish River Pulp	16¼	16	16
Do., pref.	..	..	51¼B
Steel of Can.	67¾	66	67¾
Do., pref.	94¼	94	94
Toronto Railway	88	88	88
Winnipeg Elec.	..	..	60 A
Wayagamac Pulp	81¾	80	80
Dom. War Loan (old)	96¾	96¾	96¾
Dom. War Loan (new)	96	95¾	95¾
Dom. War Loan, 1937	96¼	96¼	96¼
M. B. of C.	170	170	170
St. Can. Bonds	100	99¾	99¾
Brompton	55	54	55

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VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Bid.	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	19.00	22.00
Canada Copper Co.	1.87½	2.00
Can. Cons. S. & R.	41.00	44.00
Coronation Gold	..	.06½
Granby	89.00	..
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	.09	..
Lucky Jim Zinc	.03¼	.03½
McGillivray Coal	.14	..
Portland Tunnels	..	.05
Portland Canal	..	.01½
Standard Lead	.75	.87½
Snowstorm	..	.60
Stewart M. & D.	..	.75
Slocan Star	.22	.22½
Stewart Land	..	7.00
Unlisted.		
Glacier Creek	..	.04
Island Investment	..	20.00
Union Club (Deb.), new	..	40.00
Do., old	..	90.00
Colonial Pulp	.30	..
Howe Sound Mining Co.	6.25	6.37½

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NEW YORK CURB PRICES.

(By Wise & Co.)

	Bid	Asked
Ariz. Copperfields	¼	⅜
Can. Copper	1¾	2
Crown Reserve	35	40
Em. Phone	11	12
Goldfield	55	65
Hecla	7¾	8
Hedley Gold	15	18
Hollinger	6	6¼
Howe Sound	6¼	7
Kerr Lake	41	43
Emma Copper	1¼	1¾
Green Monster	1¼	1¾
Jerome Verde	2	2¼
Big Ledge	4¼	4¾
Inspiration Needles	¼	⅜
La Rose	50	55
Magma	56	56¼
Mines of Ama.	1¾	2
Nipissing	7¾	8¼
Standard Lead	.3	.4
Stewart	45	50
Submarine	23	23¼
Success	40	45
Tonapah	6	6¼
Tonapah Belm.	4¼	4¾
Yukon	2	2¼
United Verde Ext.	38¾	39¼
Tonapah Exten.	3¾	4
Mason Valley	6¼	6¾

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SHARP RALLY ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Chances of War Create Bullish Sentiment in the Market There

(By Wise & Co.)

New York, April 2.—There was no evidence of nervousness in the financial community to-day. On the contrary there was a feeling that if the country should go to war it would meet the changed order of things in a calm manner. Hence the stock market was buoyant, the steel issues being most prominent, advancing over two points. The equipments and rails, although advancing, did not advance as rapidly as the steel issues. The coppers showed decided strength, Anaconda and Utah being the leaders, both having over two points advance. The only weak stock was Studebaker, which at one time lost two points from the opening, but rallied back at the close.

	High	Low	Close
Alaska Gold	9¼	9	9
Cuba Cane Sugar	46¾	45¾	46¼
Amn. Beet Sugar	97¾	96¼	97¼
Amn. Can	51	48¾	50¾
Amn. Car & Foundry	70¾	69¾	70
Amn. Locomotive	71¾	70¾	71
Amn. Smelting	105¼	103¾	104¾
Amn. Steel Foundry	62¼	62¼	62¼
Amn. Sugar	112	111¾	112
Amn. Woollen	53	50¾	53
Amn. Zinc	36¼	35¾	36¼
Anaconda	85	82¾	84¾
Atchison	105¼	104¾	104¾
Atlantic Gulf	112¾	108	112
B. & O.	79¼	79	79¼
Baldwin Loco.	62¼	59¾	61¾
Bethlehem Steel	148	142	145
B. R. T.	68¼	67¾	68
Butte Sup.	46¼	45¾	45¾
C. P. R.	165¼	163	164¾
Cal. Petroleum	24	23¼	23¾
Central Leather	92¾	90	91¼
C. & O.	61	60¼	60¾
C., M. & St. P.	83¼	81¾	82¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron	52¾	51¾	52
Crucible Steel	70¾	67¼	70¾
Distillers Sec.	20	19	20¼
Erie	30	29¼	29¾
Do., 1st pref.	43¾	42¼	42¾
Gen. Motors	121	118	120
Goodrich	55	54¼	54¼
G. N., pref.	114¾	114¾	114¾
Granby	86	86	85
G. N. Ore ctfs.	35	33¼	34¼
Illinois Cent.	106	105¾	105¼
Ind. Alcohol	127¾	124¾	127¾
Inspiration	61¾	60¾	61¼
Inter. Nickel	45	43¾	44¼
Lackawanna	87¼	85	86¼
Kennecott	46¾	45¼	46¼
Chino	58¼	58	58¼
Greene Can.	42¼	42¼	42
Lehigh Valley	68¼	68	68¼
Maxwell Motor	57	52¼	56
Mex. Petroleum	94	91¾	93¼
Mar. Mercantile	31	29¾	31¾
Do., pref.	83¾	82¼	81¼
Midvale Steel	62¼	58¾	62¼
Nat. Lead	59	58	59
Nevada Cons.	24¼	23¼	24
N. Y. C.	97¾	96¼	97
N. & W.	133	132¼	133
N. P.	106¼	105¼	105¼
Pennsylvania	53¼	53¼	53¼
People's Gas	94	92¾	94
Ray. Cons.	21¼	20¾	21¼
Reading	99¼	97¾	98¼
Rep. Iron & Steel	84¼	82	84
Sloss Sheffield	72¼	70	71
S. P.	98¼	97¼	98
Sou. Railway	29¼	28¾	29¼
Studebaker Corpn.	100¼	97¼	98¼
Tenn. Copper	16¾	16¼	16¼
U. P.	141¼	140	141
U. S. Rubber	58¾	57	58¾
U. S. Steel	116¼	113¾	116¼
Do., pref.	117¼	117¼	117¼
U. S. Smelting	62¼	61¾	62
Utah Copper	113¼	111	113¼
Va. Car. Chemical	42	41¼	41¾
Westinghouse	53	51¾	52¾
White Motors	48¼	47¼	48¼
Wisconsin Central	52	51	51¾
Wabash, pref., A	51	50¾	50¾
Willy's Overland	34¼	32¾	33¾
Money on call	2½	2	2

Total sales, 696,100 shares; bonds, $3,859,000.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, April 2.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, $5.99; molasses, $5.12; refined firm; cut loaf, $8.40; crushed, $8.35; mould A, $7.75; cubes, $7.75; XXXX, powdered, $7.40; powdered, $7.35; fine granulated, $7.25 to $8; diamond A, $7.25; confectioners' A, $7.15; No. 1, $7.10.

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METAL MARKET.

New York, April 2.—Lead quiet. Spelter quiet; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 10½@10¾. Copper quiet; electrolytic, spot and nearby nominal; second quarter, $35@35; third quarter, $31@32. Iron firm; No. 1 Nor., $40@41; No. 2, $39.50@40.50; No. 1 Sou., $35@36.50; No. 2, $34.50@35.50. Tin steady; spot offered at $54@54.75.

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At the outbreak of war the commander of the 231st joined the 72nd Highlanders in Vancouver and was appointed to the command of the 231st on its authorization. With the Yukoners attached temporarily to the strength, the Kilties went through the summer training last year at Sidney in company with the Bantam Battalion. There are a number of ex-service men in the ranks, one of whom is Sergt.-Major J. A. Ewart, who was a sergeant in the Gordon Highlanders at the storming of Dargal Ridge, when Piper Findlater contined to cheer his comrades with the pipes although severely wounded.

MEN RETURNING

Four Men Came Back To-day; Thirty Arriving To-morrow.

Four returned soldiers who were given leave to remain over with friends on the mainland before proceeding to Victoria to report at the Convalescent Hospital came in on this afternoon's boat. They are Ptes. Jackson, Gilgray, Taunt, and Cross. Thirty men are due to arrive in Vancouver to-morrow, most of whom are due to report at Esquimalt Convalescent Home in the next day or two. Major Harvey is going over on the night boat to-night to meet the men, many of whom belong to Victoria.

CANADIAN SOLDIER'S LETTER

Says Dr. Cassell's Tablets Have Kept Him Fit Through Two Wars

Sapper A. Hartley, of the A Company, Canadian Engineers, whose home address is 906 Trafalgar Street, London, Ontario, is one of many who have written in praise of Dr. Cassell's Tablets. He says: "As a constant user of Dr. Cassell's Tablets, I would like to add my testimony to their value. I used them when I was in the South African War, and, finding the benefit of them there, have taken them since whenever I felt rundown. I always recommend them, for I know that they do all that is claimed for them. In my opinion they are the best tonic anyone can take for loss of appetite, poorness of the blood, or general weakness of the system."

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DROWNING FATALITY YESTERDAY MORNING

Edwin Moore Sank in Deep Water in Sight of Young Companions

A drowning fatality occurred yesterday forenoon at Little Thetis Lake, when Edwin, the 16-year-old son of Arthur Moore, of Hillside Avenue, lost his life.

It transpires that four youngsters—E. Moore, D. Moore, Herbert Walton and John Meldrum—all strong and healthy lads, had gone out in the innocent pursuit of a little fishing. Two of the party, rather more keen than the rest, had taken a small flat bottomed punt, with boards placed across it to form a raft. The boys were young Moore and Herbert Walton, of Emma Street. They had pushed out from the shore with their fishing tackle, when it became apparent that the little improvised craft was useless for the purpose intended, since it immediately began to fill, and did so, with such alarming rapidity that it sank in a few minutes in very deep water.

The two boys, Moore and Walton, dived from the boat just before it sank under them and commenced to swim for the shore in the direction of where their companions had taken up their positions. Some 80 or 100 yards separated them and safety. When 50 or 60 yards had been safely negotiated by both swimmers, young Moore called out to Meldrum that he was afraid he could not make it. No sooner had he spoken than he disappeared from view. Heavily clad with two pairs of overalls and a thick sweater, Moore had quickly become exhausted.

Walton, after a grim struggle in the icy cold water, managed to get to the shore on the point of prostration. The brother of the unfortuante boy instantly plunged in as soon as he realized Edwin's plight, and in spite of a most gallant attempt to succor him, the great depth and muddiness of the water made success impossible. He was obliged to return to the shore with the agonizing knowledge of his utter helplessness.

Telephonic communication to the provincial police was immediately followed by the dispatching by Chief Constable Cox of Provincial Constable D. McDonald with the necessary equipment for the recovery of the body. On arrival at the scene there were many willing helpers in the task. McGregor, a rancher, secured a serviceable boat, bringing it a distance of four miles by the aid of a team. The work was commenced at once and after about an hour the fishing rod on the surface gave an indication of the precise spot Moore had given up. The water at this point was approximately 25 feet deep, and at that depth the body of the unfortunate boy was found.

The coroner, Dr. Stanier, states that no inquest will be necessary, in view of the fact that the occurrence was witnessed by the three other boys, whose testimony he will hear this afternoon for formal record. The remains of the unfortunate boy rests at the B. C. Undertaking Parlors. The father of the deceased is engaged in the Government Savings Department at the Victoria Post Office, and the lad was employed in the circulation department of the Colonist.

BRITAIN'S CALL.

What have we done to aid our land,
We who are sheltered here at home,
Who know no stern compelling hand,
We are not subject to the "comb?"
Must selfish sloth now stand confest?
Must those too old or frail for war
Still shrink from this, the final test,
Which none but cowards can ignore?

Our soldiers fight and toil and die;
They hold our lines on many a field,
We, who are idly standing by,
Have we no gift that we may yield?
Have we no store that we may lend
While brave men's blood is freely given,
That we may aid towards the end
For which our splendid dead have striven?

Remember, not on arms alone
Depend the fortunes of our State.
Each has a duty of his own,
Each hand may sway a nation's fate.
Though millions give her of their best,
Still in our ears there rings the call,
For she who shields us with her breast
Needs, in this hour, the aid of all.
—Touchstone, in London Daily Mail.

A Scottish farmer was selling wool one day to a carrier, and after weighing it he went into the house to make out an invoice. When he came back he missed a cheese that had been standing on a shelf behind the outer door. Glancing at the bag of wool, he observed that it had suddenly increased in size. "Man," he said to the carrier, "I hae clean forgot the weight o' that bag. Let's put it on the scales aince mair." The carrier could not refuse. The bag was, of course, found to be heavier by the weight of the cheese inside. A new invoice was made out, and the crestfallen carrier went away. The farmer's wife at once missed the cheese, and, rushing to the yard, told her husband that some thief had stolen it. "Na, na, Meg," replied the farmer, quietly, "I hae just selt the cheese for twa shillin's the pund."

JUVENILE TROUPE OF ENTERTAINERS

Winnipeg Kids Coming Next Week to Royal Victoria Theatre

"What are the R. S. A. Juvenile Entertainers?"

This question is being quite frequently heard just now, curiosity having been aroused by some of the advance notices of their concerts on April 11 and 12 which have appeared.

About a year ago the juvenile troupe was recruited from among the school children of Winnipeg with the purpose of assisting the Returned Soldiers' interests in the different places which might be visited. The idea grew out of a much smaller ambition which had been "tried out" with such success that the larger scheme was projected. How completely successful the undertaking has been made be read in the statement that last year the young entertainers turned over the very handsomt sum of $14,000, free of cost, to the Returned Soldiers' Association at Winnipeg.

The young artists have been lent by the Winnipeg School Board for six weeks, and come West to the Pacific Coast towns with the finesse added by nearly 18 months' stage experience. Victoria is asked to give the undertaking liberal support, as the entire proceeds, over and above expenses, is to be handed over to the local Returned Soldiers' organization. Winnipeg citizens have stood handsomely by their native talent, and, in order that their young artists might travel under the most favorable conditions possible and at the minimum of expense, have furnished the dresses, the theatrical outfit, provisions for the journey, etc. Not a single child in the company has ever received one cent of money for its services other than necessary to the payment of expenses.

Miss Helen Murdoch, a member of the Permanent Players of Winnipeg, is responsible for the training and preparation of the children. In connection with the entertainment there is usually an address by Andrew Murdoch, who has the welfare of the returned soldier very much at heart. Miss Murdoch saved the life of two of the small members in the company in an accident which happened a year or so ago when they were crossing the Assiniboine River, this accident being responsible for the death of Mrs. Murdoch.

URGES BOARD TO ACCELERATE ANSWER

Johnson Street Bridge Situation is Increasing in Complications

Mayor Todd on Saturday wrote to the Secretary of the Board of Railway Commissioners urging the commission to give an early ruling on the application of the city as to highway rights on the present Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway bridge.

It is understood the railway company is anxious to make a start in renewing the bridge, an application which is resisted by the City pending more definite plans being lodged.

One point which the overhauling of the work on the old reserve has brought to light, and which appears to have been lost sight of in the present discussion, is that the grade of the new part of Johnson Street is above the level at which it would strike the E. & N. tracks. It was based on the undertaking to raise the grade of the new bridge several feet in order to give additional headroom for navigation. In 1913 much discussion took place in this regard and eventually it was decided to add to the headroom now available to save opening of the bridge unnecessarily. The grade of the fill is stated to be four feet six inches above the railway track, and since the company would naturally in its present proposal to replace its bridge desire the same grade as existing, the work on the cut and fill for the Johnson Street extension is stopped.

The Mayor considers that a decision on the highway rights is antecedent to any approval by the Board of Railway Commissioners of the plan of the railway crossing, and therefore is urging a reply, so that the City may know how to deal with other phases of the question.

Fishing is Poor.—In spite of the many anglers who wended their way to the fishing resorts of the Island during the week end there were very few who returned with catches that were anything like what was expected. Practically no trout were hooked and the luck which attended the grilse fishers was of a like nature.

COURT OF REVISION ANNOUNCES DECISIONS

Dean Appeals Rejected; Can Assess Leases on Old Indian Reserve

The Civic Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll concluded its work this morning as such, and later sat as a Board of Equalization, in accordance with statutory direction. A further meeting has to be held later after the revisions have all been carried out, in order that the roll as modified and adjusted may be officially signed.

Are Rejected.

The Dean appeals on Rock Bay property were rejected entirely, as being out of order. The City Solicitor advised that the appeals, with the exception of the J. S. H. Matson one, were irregular, since they did not disclose a specific ground of complaint as defined in Section 216 of the Municipal Act. The Court had no power to give itself any jurisdiction to hear appeals under the circumstances. With regard to Mr. Matson's appeal through Mr. Dean, he argued that it also did not state the ground of objection. Since valid notice is a condition precedent to being heard he also advised the Court to reject this one in addition.

The Court accepted Mr. Hannington's advice, and therefore threw out all the appeals, not taking up the alternative question raised by Mr. Dean in his argument as to the right of the city to assess the land over tidal water in connection with the mill leases on Rock Bay.

Assess Leased Land.

The Solicitor advised the Court that under Section 198 of the Act it would be possible to assess the lands held under lease from the Department of Lands by the Cameron-Genoa Bay Shipbuilders, Ltd., on the old Indian reserve, which had been placed on the books at $43,610 for 6.23 acres, being the same basis as the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway is assessed for its two holdings, 7 and 16 acres respectively, on the reserve, the one being freehold, so it was stated, the other partly purchased. Mr. Hannington advised the Court to treat the lands under the lease as so defined in the section, but pointed out that the duration of the lease was so short that the land would not reach tax sale, in case the taxes should not be paid. The point could be taken on the legal situation when an action to recover taxes should be commenced by the corporation. He thought the answer of the company to the notice to enter on the roll by the assessor was "very off-hand."

Matter of Principle.

Alderman Walker, who said the letter had been written since the change of proprietorship, was adverse to the Council taxing the land, although he did not object to an assessment being made by the Court as a matter of principle for the future.

Mr. Hannington pointed out that once an assessment was made, taxation must inevitably follow.

Alderman Cameron emphasized the invidious position in which waterfront owners on the eastern side would be placed by any remission of taxation across the harbor.

Alderman Dilworth recommended the Court to adhere to the Solicitor's advice, and this course was taken, and the property will be assessed as above stated.

Other Matters.

The only other question which occupied the Court was that of the Dumbleton Estate, which was eventually placed on the roll at 4.38 acres by agreement, after hearing F. B. Pemberton and Ashdown Green.

The remainder of the session was occupied in sitting as a Board of Equalization, in which a number of assessments on streets, particularly on North Government Street, John Street, and the Chinese district were harmonized to agree with reductions granted on properties that had appealed.

When the adjustments have been made, the Court of Revision will meet again at the call of the chair, to sign the roll for 1917.

Warm friends are more plentiful in summer than winter.

WINS DECORATION

The military medal has been awarded to Sergt.-Major J. Brown, of Victoria, for bravery in the field, according to advices received in the city yesterday. The day following his brave action, which was recognized by his superior officers, Brown was wounded necessitating his removal to the Canadian Military Hospital at St. Leonards-on-Sea.

He came out to Victoria in 1910, and during his stay in the city was in the employ of Luney Brothers, contractors. His parents live in Ayrshire, Scotland, and shortly after the outbreak of hostilities he enlisted for active service with the 48th Battalion, and went overseas with that unit, transferring to the Pioneers in France.

A brother of the sergeant-major is Sapper William Brown, of the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, also at the front.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred on Thursday at her home at Saanichton, of Maria Christina Simpson, wife of Jacob Simpson. The deceased lady, who was sixty-seven years of age, was born in Bermuda, West Indies. She had lived at Saanichton for the last twenty-nine years. Besides the husband there survive an aged mother living in Bermuda, one son, C. E. Kirkpatrick, of Hamilton, Bermuda, and daughter, Mrs. E. R. John, of Saanichton. There also survive several grandchildren. The funeral is to be on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. Interment will be at Shady Creek cemetery. Flowers left at the B. C. Funeral Parlors up to noon tomorrow will be taken out.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Victoria Jeffrey, who died on Thursday, took place on Saturday at 2 o'clock from the late residence, 974 Cowichan Street. Services were held at St. Barnabas Church at 2.30, where the Rev. F. G. Miller officiated. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Geo. H. Dawson, T. H. Slater, E. A. Jacob, F. L. Crawford, Geo. Mitchell, Mr. O'Farrel. Chas. Williams and Harold B. Robertson were honorary pallbearers. The casket was covered with many beautiful floral tributes.

The funeral of Mr. John Philip Wheeler, who died at Royal Jubilee Hospital last Thursday, took place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, where Rev. W. Baugh Allen officiated. There was a large attendance, and there was a delegation representing the Sons of England present. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Norman, King, Johnston, Peddel, Coppet and J. Jacket. Burial was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

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At the outbreak of war the commander of the 231st joined the 72nd Highlanders in Vancouver and was appointed to the command of the 231st on its authorization. With the Yukoners attached temporarily to the strength, the Kilties went through the summer training last year at Sidney in company with the Bantam Battalion. There are a number of ex-service men in the ranks, one of whom is Sergt.-Major J. A. Ewart, who was a sergeant in the Gordon Highlanders at the storming of Dargai Ridge, when Piper Findlater contined to cheer his comrades with the pipes although severely wounded.

MEN RETURNING

Four Men Came Back To-day; Thirty Arriving To-morrow.

Four returned soldiers who were given leave to remain over with friends on the mainland before proceeding to Victoria to report at the Convalescent Hospital came in on this afternoon's boat. They are Ptes. Jackson, Gilgray, Taunt, and Cross. Thirty men are due to arrive in Vancouver to-morrow, most of whom are due to report at Esquimalt Convalescent Home in the next day or two. Major Harvey is going over on the night boat to-night to meet the men, many of whom belong to Victoria.

CANADIAN SOLDIER'S LETTER

Says Dr. Cassell's Tablets Have Kept Him Fit Through Two Wars

Sapper A. Hartley, of the A Company, Canadian Engineers, whose home address is 906 Trafalgar Street, London, Ontario, is one of many who have written in praise of Dr. Cassell's Tablets. He says: "As a constant user of Dr. Cassell's Tablets, I would like to add my testimony to their value. I used them when I was in the South African War, and, finding the benefit of them there, have taken them since whenever I felt rundown. I always recommend them, for I know that they do all that is claimed for them. In my opinion they are the best tonic anyone can take for loss of appetite, poorness of the blood, or general weakness of the system."

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DROWNING FATALITY YESTERDAY MORNING

Edwin Moore Sank in Deep Water in Sight of Young Companions

A drowning fatality occurred yesterday forenoon at Little Thetis Lake, when Edwin, the 16-year-old son of Arthur Moore, of Hillside Avenue, lost his life.

It transpires that four youngsters—E. Moore, D. Moore, Herbert Walton and John Meldrum—all strong and healthy lads, had gone out in the innocent pursuit of a little fishing. Two of the party, rather more keen than the rest, had taken a small flat bottomed punt, with boards placed across it to form a raft. The boys were young Moore and Herbert Walton, of Emma Street. They had pushed out from the shore with their fishing tackle, when it became apparent that the little improvised craft was useless for the purpose intended, since it immediately began to fill, and did so with such alarming rapidity that it sank in a few minutes in very deep water.

The two boys, Moore and Walton, dived from the boat just before it sank under them and commenced to swim for the shore in the direction of where their companions had taken up their positions. Some 80 or 100 yards separated them and safety. When 50 or 60 yards had been safely negotiated by both swimmers, young Moore called out to Meldrum that he was afraid he could not make it. No sooner had he spoken than he disappeared from view. Heavily clad with two pairs of overalls and a thick sweater, Moore had quickly become exhausted.

Walton, after a grim struggle in the icy cold water, managed to get to the shore on the point of prostration. The brother of the unfortunate boy instantly plunged in as soon as he realized Edwin's plight, and in spite of a most gallant attempt to succor him, the great depth and muddiness of the water made success impossible. He was obliged to return to the shore with the agonizing knowledge of his utter helplessness.

Telephonic communication to the provincial police was immediately followed by the dispatching by Chief Constable Cox of Provincial Constable D. McDonald with the necessary equipment for the recovery of the body. On arrival at the scene there were many willing helpers in the task. McGregor, a rancher, secured a serviceable boat, bringing it a distance of four miles by the aid of a team. The work was commenced at once and after about an hour the fishing rod on the surface gave an indication of the precise spot Moore had given up. The water at this point was approximately 25 feet deep, and at that depth the body of the unfortunate boy was found.

The coroner, Dr. Stanier, states that no inquest will be necessary, in view of the fact that the occurrence was witnessed by the three other boys, whose testimony he will hear this afternoon for formal record. The remains of the unfortunate boy rests at the B. C. Undertaking Parlors. The father of the deceased is engaged in the Government Savings Department at the Victoria Post Office, and the lad was employed in the circulation department of the Colonist.

BRITAIN'S CALL.

What have we done to aid our land,
We who are sheltered here at home,
Who know no stern compelling hand,
We are not subject to the "comb?"
Must selfish sloth now stand confest?
Must those too old or frail for war
Still shrink from this, the final test,
Which none but cowards can ignore?

Our soldiers fight and toil and die;
They hold our lines on many a field,
We, who are idly standing by,
Have we no gift that we may yield?
Have we no store that we may lend
While brave men's blood is freely given,
That we may aid towards the end
For which our splendid dead have striven?

Remember, not on arms alone
Depend the fortunes of our State.
Each has a duty of his own,
Each hand may sway a nation's fate.
Though millions give her of their best,
Still in our ears there rings the call,
For she who shields us with her breast
Needs, in this hour, the aid of all.
—Touchstone, in London Daily Mail.

A Scottish farmer was selling wool one day to a carrier, and after weighing it he went into the house to make out an invoice. When he came back he missed a cheese that had been standing on a shelf behind the outer door. Glancing at the bag of wool, he observed that it had suddenly increased in size. "Man," he said to the carrier, "I hae clean forgot the weight o' that bag. Let's put it on the scales aince mair." The carrier could not refuse. The bag was, of course, found to be heavier by the weight of the cheese inside. A new invoice was made out, and the crestfallen carrier went away. The farmer's wife at once missed the cheese, and, rushing to the yard, told her husband that some thief had stolen it. "Na, na, Meg," replied the farmer, quietly, "I hae just selt the cheese for twa shillin's the pund."

JUVENILE TROUPE OF ENTERTAINERS

Winnipeg Kids Coming Next Week to Royal Victoria Theatre

"What are the R. S. A. Juvenile Entertainers?"

This question is being quite frequently heard just now, curiosity having been aroused by some of the advance notices of their concerts on April 11 and 12 which have appeared.

About a year ago the juvenile troupe was recruited from among the school children of Winnipeg with the purpose of assisting the Returned Soldiers' Interests in the different places which might be visited. The idea grew out of a much smaller ambition which had been "tried out" with such success that the larger scheme was projected. How completely successful the undertaking has been made be read in the statement that last year the young entertainers turned over the very handsomt sum of $14,000, free of cost, to the Returned Soldiers' Association at Winnipeg.

The young artists have been lent by the Winnipeg School Board for six weeks, and come West to the Pacific Coast towns with the finesse added by nearly 18 months' stage experience. Victoria is asked to give the undertaking liberal support, as the entire proceeds, over and above expenses, is to be handed over to the local Returned Soldiers' organization. Winnipeg citizens have stood handsomely by their native talent, and, in order that their young artists might travel under the most favorable conditions possible and at the minimum of expense, have furnished the dresses, the theatrical outfit, provisions for the journey, etc. Not a single child in the company has ever received one cent of money for its services other than necessary to the payment of expenses.

Miss Helen Murdoch, a member of the Permanent Players of Winnipeg, is responsible for the training and preparation of the children. In connection with the entertainment there is usually an address by Andrew Murdoch, who has the welfare of the returned soldier very much at heart. Miss Murdoch saved the life of two of the small members in the company in an accident which happened a year or so ago when they were crossing the Assiniboine River, this accident being responsible for the death of Mrs. Murdoch.

URGES BOARD TO ACCELERATE ANSWER

Johnson Street Bridge Situation is Increasing in Complications

Mayor Todd on Saturday wrote to the Secretary of the Board of Railway Commissioners urging the commission to give an early ruling on the application of the city as to highway rights on the present Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway bridge.

It is understood the railway company is anxious to make a start in renewing the bridge, an application which is resisted by the City pending more definite plans being lodged.

One point which the overhauling of the work on the old reserve has brought to light, and which appears to have been lost sight of in the present discussion, is that the grade of the new part of Johnson Street is above the level at which it would strike the E. & N. tracks. It was based on the undertaking to raise the grade of the new bridge several feet in order to give additional headroom for navigation. In 1912 much discussion took place in this regard and eventually it was decided to add to the headroom now available to save opening of the bridge unnecessarily. The grade of the fill is stated to be four feet six inches above the railway track, and since the company would naturally in its present proposal to replace its bridge desire the same grade as existing, the work on the cut and fill for the Johnson Street extension is stopped.

The Mayor considers that a decision on the highway rights is antecedent to any approval by the Board of Railway Commissioners of the plan of the railway crossing, and therefore is urging a reply, so that the City may know how to deal with other phases of the question.

Fishing is Poor.—In spite of the many anglers who wended their way to the fishing resorts of the Island during the week end there were very few who returned with catches that were anything like what was expected. Practically no trout were hooked and the luck which attended the grilse fishers was of a like nature.

COURT OF REVISION ANNOUNCES DECISIONS

Dean Appeals Rejected; Can Assess Leases on Old Indian Reserve

The Civic Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll concluded its work this morning as such, and later sat as a Board of Equalization, in accordance with statutory direction. A further meeting has to be held later after the revisions have all been carried out, in order that the roll as modified and adjusted may be officially signed.

Are Rejected.

The Dean appeals on Rock Bay property were rejected entirely, as being out of order. The City Solicitor advised that the appeals, with the exception of the J. S. H. Matson one, were irregular, since they did not disclose a specific ground of complaint as defined in Section 216 of the Municipal Act. The Court had no power to give itself any jurisdiction to hear appeals under the circumstances. With regard to Mr. Matson's appeal through Mr. Dean, he argued that it also did not state the ground of objection. Since valid notice is a condition precedent to being heard he also advised the Court to reject this one in addition.

The Court accepted Mr. Hannington's advice, and therefore threw out all the appeals, not taking up the alternative question raised by Mr. Dean in his argument as to the right of the city to assess the land over tidal water in connection with the mill leases on Rock Bay.

Assess Leased Land.

The Solicitor advised the Court that under Section 198 of the Act it would be possible to assess the lands held under lease from the Department of Lands by the Cameron-Genoa Bay Shipbuilders, Ltd., on the old Indian reserve, which had been placed on the books at $43,610 for 6.23 acres, being the same basis as the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway is assessed for its two holdings, 7 and 16 acres respectively, on the reserve, the one being freehold, so it was stated, the other partly purchased. Mr. Hannington advised the Court to treat the lands under the lease as so defined in the section, but pointed out that the duration of the lease was so short that the land would not reach tax sale, in case the taxes should not be paid. The point could be taken on the legal situation when an action to recover taxes should be commenced by the corporation. He thought the answer of the company to the notice to enter on the roll by the assessor was "very off-hand."

Matter of Principle.

Alderman Walker, who said the letter had been written since the change of proprietorship, was adverse to the Council taxing the land, although he did not object to an assessment being made by the Court as a matter of principle for the future.

Mr. Hannington pointed out that once an assessment was made, taxation must inevitably follow.

Alderman Cameron emphasized the invidious position in which waterfront owners on the eastern side would be placed by any remission of taxation across the harbor.

Alderman Dilworth recommended the Court to adhere to the Solicitor's advice, and this course was taken, and the property will be assessed as above stated.

Other Matters.

The only other question which occupied the Court was that of the Dumbleton Estate, which was eventually placed on the roll at 4.38 acres by agreement, after hearing F. B. Pemberton and Ashdown H. Green.

The remainder of the session was occupied in sitting as a Board of Equalization, in which a number of assessments on streets, particularly on North Government Street, John Street, and the Chinese district were harmonized to agree with reductions granted on properties that had appealed.

When the adjustments have been made, the Court of Revision will meet again at the call of the chair, to sign the roll for 1917.

Warm friends are more plentiful in summer than winter.

WINS DECORATION

The military medal has been awarded to Sergt.-Major J. Brown, of Victoria, for bravery in the field, according to advices received in the city yesterday. The day following his brave action, which was recognized by his superior officers, Brown was wounded necessitating his removal to the Canadian Military Hospital at St. Leonards-on-Sea.

He came out to Victoria in 1910, and during his stay in the city was in the employ of Luney Brothers, contractors. His parents live in Ayrshire, Scotland, and shortly after the outbreak of hostilities he enlisted for active service with the 48th Battalion, and went overseas with that unit, transferring to the Pioneers in France.

A brother of the sergeant-major is Sapper William Brown, of the 6th Field Company, Canadian Engineers, also at the front.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred on Thursday at her home at Saanichton, of Maria Christina Simpson, wife of Jacob Simpson. The deceased lady, who was sixty-seven years of age, was born in Bermuda, West Indies. She had lived at Saanichton for the last twenty-nine years. Besides the husband there survive an aged mother living in Bermuda, one son, C. E. Kirkpatrick, of Hamilton, Bermuda, and daughter, Mrs. E. R. John, of Saanichton. There also survive several grandchildren. The funeral is to be on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. Interment will be at Shady Creek cemetery. Flowers left at the B. C. Funeral Parlors up to noon tomorrow will be taken out.

The funeral of Mrs. Emma Victoria Jeffrey, who died on Thursday, took place on Saturday at 2 o'clock from the late residence, 974 Cowichan Street. Services were held at St. Barnabas Church at 2.30, where the Rev. F. G. Miller officiated. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Geo. H. Dawson, T. H. Slater, E. A. Jacob, F. L. Crawford, Geo. Mitchell, Mr. O'Farrel. Chas. Williams and Harold B. Robertson were honorary pallbearers. The casket was covered with many beautiful floral tributes.

The funeral of Mr. John Philip Wheeler, who died at Royal Jubilee Hospital last Thursday, took place Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, where Rev. W. Baugh Allen officiated. There was a large attendance, and there was a delegation representing the Sons of England present. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Norman, King, Johnston, Peddel, Coppet and J. Jacket. Burial was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

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On view to-morrow morning.

The Auctioneer, Stewart Williams

CONVOY CALL IS VERY INTERESTING

Many Victorians Mentioned in Unofficial Organ of No. 5 Hospital

The Christmas number of The Convoy Call, the unofficial organ of No. 5 Canadian General Hospital at Salonica, has been sent by Cpl. Sam McGimpsey, formerly of the Arion Club, to one of the members of this organization in Victoria. Cpl. McGimpsey was one of the best first tenors of the club before he left the city on overseas service, and it is interesting to his former colleagues in this choral organization to see that he still keeps up his singing. Evidence of this is to be seen in the report of No. 5's Christmas Theatricals, where the name of McGimpsey figures as one of "The Dandy Four," a quartette who offered comic and lyrical songs. The three other members of the double duo were Ptes. Morrow, Thorburn and Brake, who with McGimpsey make "a quartette it would be hard to beat anywhere," their critic wrote. The topical skit, "Sister Loves Me, This I Know, For the Patients tell Me So," was the climax number in their repertory.

The foreword to this Christmas number is by Sir Richard McBride. It is a greeting. "The people of the Pacific Province have been watching these many months the splendid work of your institution and take a pardonable pride in all of its activities. Though removed from the great bulk of the Canadian army in which there are thousands of your fellow British Columbians serving with credit and honor your commandant, Lieut.-Col. Hart, with his staff of competent officers, nursing sisters and staff has undoubtedly proved equal to all exactions though under strange surroundings. There is a firm impression that no matter what the task assigned to them may be No. 5 General Hospital will always give a ready and satisfactory response. May I tender to you in the name and on behalf of British Columbians at home and abroad sincerest Christmas greetings and best wishes."

The issue was not complete for publication until about the middle of January, and notes in a postscript among the "Told About Camp" notes that Cpl. F. C. T. Brake, Cpl. Fred Hill, and Ptes. R. C. Smart, A. W. Whitmore, F. Oliver and F. M. Dunn left on January 12 for "Blighty" to train for commissions in the Imperial Army.

"A Voyage of Discovery," from the pen of Pte. Frank Dunn, formerly of The Times reportorial staff, is one of the interesting contributions to this same interesting number. Some of the excerpts from these reminiscences of No. 5 Hospital experiences from the moment of mobilization up to the end of 1916 are worth reading:

"Owing to the exigencies of space we can only touch lightly on the kaleidoscopic series of impressions gained in all this travelling. . . . Those of us who enlisted at Victoria (I am referring to the men only now) will hardly forget the first night at Work Point Barracks. We may have carried it off with an air of bravado, but we were nevertheless as self-conscious as a little boy at school for the first time as we entered the room, a couple of blankets and a ground sheet under our arm, and looked around among the motley crowd of strangers for a place to sleep. How unfriendly and cheerless everything looked! The first flush of enthusiasm was passing and disillusionment was coming on apace. We noticed one young fellow pulling a night-gown over his head and immediately 'cottoned' to him as being likely to be more innocent and inexperienced than ourself. Alas! That fair-haired young man later acquired a crime sheet of formidable length. Somehow or other we made down our bed, but whilst its promise was fair it did not live up to expectations any more than our young friend. It proved to be a veritable rack from which we rose in the morning feeling certain that our days of usefulness as a soldier had already passed if they had ever come. We were one huge mass of aches and pains from head to foot, and we could not help but wonder what insane impulse had ever induced us to leave our happy home for this."

All thhough the number are references to well-known Victorians who went with the unit. Captain W. Wilson, it should be noted, was editor-in-chief of the paper, and Pte. Frank Dunn editor, while the business management was in the hands of Capt. H. C. Frost and Sgt. H. Clarke.

Visits Beacon Hill Park.—Yesterday morning Park Superintendent Purdey acted as guide of the Dominion Seed Specialist, A. McMeans, in a visit of inspection to Beacon Hill Park nursery. He was very pleased with this phase of the parks department's activities.

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Allover Aprons

Regular $1.00 Value. Remnant Day..... 69c

Allover Aprons, with short sleeves and belt at back; large, medium and small sizes. A large range of striped and scroll patterns to choose from. Regular $1.00 values. Remnant Day ..... 69¢

Silkine Crochet Cotton, in assorted colors. Regular 7½c Ball. Remnant Day, per Ball 5c

—Art Needlework, Main Floor

Oddments From the Notion Dept.

Children's Hose Suspenders, regular 20c. Remnant Day, pair ..... 13¢

Oddments in Small Trimming Buttons, regular 20c and 25c. Remnant Day, dozen ..... 13¢

Colored Bias Seam Tapes, reg. 10c and 15c. Remnant Day, per card 8¢

Ladies' Back Combs and Barrettes, original to 50c. Remnant Day, each ..... 5¢

Girls' Shell Hair Clasps, regular 10c. Remnant Day, each ..... 6¢

Black Mohair Shoe Laces, 18 and 25 inches, regular 5c. Remnant Day, pair ..... 3¢

Spool Cotton, 200 yards. Remnant Day, 6 for ..... 25¢

Odd Ends of Button-hole Braid, regular 10c yard. Remnant Day, yd. 5¢

Elite Fringe Hair Nets, regular 5c. Remnant Day, 7 for ..... 25¢

Oddments in Fancy Buttons, all greatly reduced for Remnant Day.

—Notion Section, Main Floor

Three Big Glove Bargains for Remnant Day

Ladies' Long Silk Gloves. These are made of heavy quality silk in shades of nile, tan, mauve, grey, and sky; 20-button length, with two-dome fasteners at wrist; sizes 6 to 7½, original price $1.50. Remnant Day, pair..... 79c

Ladies' Long Lisle Gloves, in black and tan, 16 to 20-button length, with two-dome fasteners at wrist; sizes 5½, 6 and 6½. Former prices 50c and 75c. Remnant Day, pair 25c

Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, broken lines. They come with over sewn seams and two-dome fasteners—

Sizes in Tan—5½, 5¾, 7, 7¼, 7½, and 7¾.

Sizes in Black—5½, 5¾, and 6.

Sizes in White—5½, 6½, 6¾, 7, 7¼, and 7½.

Sizes in White with Black Points—6½ to 7½.

Regular $1.25 values. Remnant Day, pair 85c

—Glove Section, Main Floor

Women's and Children's Hose Greatly Reduced

Women's and Children's Hose, in all-wool and wool and cotton. A large assortment to choose from, in odd sizes. Regular values to 50c. Remnant Day, pair 29c

Women's Cotton Hose, in medium weight. They come with wide garter top and double heel and toes, black only, in sizes 8½ to 10. Regular 35c value. Remnant Day, pair 23c

—Hosiery Section, Main Floor

Big Clearance of Remnants From the Staple Department

For Remnant Day we have made important purchases of factory clearing lines and mill ends. These, together with the accumulation of remnants from our regular staple lines, will give you an exceptional opportunity of purchasing your requirements at a great saving.

4,000 Yards, Mill Ends of White and Striped Flannelettes, fine and heavy weave, in lengths of 1 yd. to 10 yds.

2,500 Yards, Mill Ends Ginghams, Voiles and Muslins, suitable for waists, dresses and children's wear. Lengths 1 yd. to 6 yds.

Also Hundreds of Remnants of Sheeting, Pillow Tubing, Cottons, Longcloths, Nainsooks, Shirtings, Prints, Galateas, Crepes, Muslin, Gingham, Nurse Cloth, Dress Voiles, etc., etc.

—Staple Section in Basement

Big Values From the Corset Dept.

Women's Corsets, made of good quality coutil, well bound with medium bust and long hip, four hose supports. Top is daintily finished with lace; sizes 19 to 30. Remnant Day 85c

Misses' Corset Waists, made of coutil, buttoned front, with shoulder strap; sizes 12 to 17 years. Remnant Day.... 59c

Detachable Sanitary Belts, designed for convenience and comfort. Regular 65c value. Remnant Day 35c

Clearing Out Odd Lines From the Lace Dept.

Beaded Nets, 4 inches wide, in black and mauve. Regular to $1.75 values. Remnant Day, yard ... 25c

Colored Nets, double width, in green and brown. Regular 45c value. Remnant Day, yard 25c

A clean-up of odd lines in Braids. Regular to 85c yard. Remnant Day, yard ... 23c

Embroidery Edgings and Insertions. Regular values 5c, 6½c, and 8⅓c. Remnant Day, yard 2½c

Rhinestone Buckles, 8 only. Regular to $1.25. Remnant Day, each 25c

—Lace Section, Main Floor

Standard Patterns

A special representative of the Standard Patterns will be in the Pattern Department during this week only, and will extend the special 59c subscription for the Designer for this week.

$1.60 VALUE FOR 59c

The "Designer" for one year, 12 copies at 10c	$1.20
One Standard Quarterly Fashion Book	.25
One Pattern Coupon, 15c value	.15
	$1.60

On sale in Pattern Department.

Women's Waists. Special at 50c

Women's Silk Waists, in many smart styles, with long sleeves and large collars. Flesh and white; in all sizes. Special, Remnant Day, at..... 50¢

—Waist Section, First Floor

Remnant Day Bargains in Yard Goods

Mixed Suitings, in diagonal effects, 40 inches wide, in navy, fawn, grey and mixed tones. Special Remnant Day, yard 35c

Fancy Taffetas, Charmeuse and Cashmere Back Satins, in plain colors, extra heavy qualities and soft finished, width 40 inches, original values up to $3.50. Remnant Day, yard $1.95

Silk Poplin and Parma Crepes, 36 inches wide, in shades of sky, pink, purple, navy, saxe, cream, grey, brown, and Alice blue. Regular 85c and $1.00 values. Remnant Day, yard 69c

—Dress Goods and Silks, Main Floor

Bargains in Women's and Children's Hats

A large range of Hat Shapes in plain and fancy straws. A wide range of styles in all colors. Remnant Day each $1.50

Children's Straw Hats, in white and colors, finished with bands; sizes 1 to 5 years. Regular values to $2.50. Remnant Day, each 35c

—Millinery Section, First Floor

Reg. to $1.00 Linoleum and Congoleum Remnants. Square Yard..... 45c

For Remnant Day we have selected all short lengths of our best Scotch Cork Linoleum and Congoleum to sell at the above special price. The lengths range from two yards up to ten. The pieces make useful coverings for bath, pantry or a small kitchen. Reg. 65c, 75c to $1.00 values. Remnant Day, square yard..... 45¢

—Linoleum Section, Second Floor

Reg. to 35c Drapery Remnants. Remnant Day, Yard 10c

A good selection of these pieces for Remnant Day. A good hour's selling should see them all sold. A good choice of Scrim, Muslins, etc., some as short as one yard, but plenty two to five yard lengths. Reg. 15c to 35c values. Remnant Day, yard ..... 10¢

—Drapery Section, Second Floor

Manufacturers' Sample Handkerchiefs, To Clear At 12c

Manufacturers' sample Handkerchiefs, slightly mussed. Made of linen and lawn, with hand embroidered corners. Others lace trimmed, also colored cord edges and colored embroidered corners. Reg. values to 35c. Remnant Day, each ..... 12¢

—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Special in Drapery Remnants

Reg. to 85c Drapery Remnants. Special, Tuesday, Yard 17c

After a busy month's selling in this section we find a large assortment of useful lengths. To make a quick clearance Remnant Day we have marked these all at one price. There are styles suitable for any room and plenty of good five-yard lengths to choose from; some styles we have two alike. Lengths from 1½ to 5 yards.

17c Choose from 36, 40, 45 and 50-inch Cream Madras Muslins; 45-inch Fine Curtain Nets, bordered and plain edges; H. S. Ribbon Edge Voile Scrims; two-thread Marquisettes; white Figured Muslins and fine Flowered Sateens, Chintz, Rep and Cretonnes. Reg. 29c to 85c values. Remnant Day, yard **17c**

—Drapery Section, Second Floor

Women's Vests

Regular 35c. Remnant Day 23c

Women's Cotton Vests, in high neck, with long sleeves, or low neck with short or no sleeves. Regular 35c values. Remnant Day ..... 23¢

—Underwear Section, Main Floor

Children's Undermuslins

Regular to $1.25. Remnant Day 69c

Children's Muslin Underwear. The lot includes Gowns, Princess Slips, and Petticoats, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery; sizes 2 to 8 years. Regular value to $1.25. Remnant Day ..... 69¢

Reg. 75c Fibre Silk Caps At 49c

Women's and Misses' Fibre Silk Caps, in shades of pink and maize. Reg. 75c values. Remnant Day ..... 49¢

Women's Wash Dresses. Reg. to $3.50. Remnant Day, Each ... $1.98

Women's Wash Dresses, suitable for street and sports wear. They are made of pique, rep, crepe, chambray and linenette. Sizes 16 to 38. Reg. $3.50 values. Remnant Day.... $1.98